

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES**

DATE: 8/29/24
TIME: 10am
LOCATION: Teleconference and DCY, 35E room 7B, 246 N. High Street,
Columbus, Ohio 43215

This meeting will be held by teleconference and in person. If you would like to submit oral testimony, please attend the meeting site location or call in at the date and time to 1-614-721-2972. Then enter the meeting I.D # which is 526 328 678#. Written testimony may also be submitted electronically to: rules@jfs.ohio.gov

Pursuant to section 5153.163 and Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services gives notice of the department's intent to consider the amendment, of the rules as identified below and of a public hearing thereon.

All rules have been amended to remove regulatory restrictive words as described in SB 9 of the 134th General Assembly. Where applicable the rules were amended to change the reference of all systems to Ohio Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (Ohio CCWIS). Ohio CCWIS is defined as a federally recognized case management information system that state and tribal title IV-E agencies may develop to support their child welfare program needs. Ohio CCWIS is designed to support social workers' needs to organize and record quality case information about the children and families receiving child welfare services. Ohio CCWIS consists of several automated functions which are approved by the Children's Bureau and include but are not limited to: Ohio Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS), Ohio Residential Treatment Information System (RTIS), Child and Adult Protective Services (CAPS) Learning Management System (LMS), Taking Early Action Matters (TEAM) Ohio, and Ohio Certification for Agencies and Families (OCAF). All rules and forms have been amended to replace "Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS)" with "Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY)." Adoptive parent" was changed to "Adoptive parent(s)" for continuity throughout the rules.

OAC 5101:2-44-03 entitled Public children services agency (PCSA) administration of the state adoption maintenance subsidy program details the SAMS program including the responsibilities of the public children services agency (PCSA). The revisions dates were removed.

OAC 5101:2-44-05.1 entitled "Covered families and children (CFC) medicaid eligibility: Children with special needs" details the eligibility requirements for children approved prior to July 1, 2004, and after. The revision dates were removed.

OAC 5101:2-44-05.2 entitled “Medicaid eligibility for state adoption subsidy recipient moving from or to Ohio” details the Medicaid eligibility requirements for recipient moving to or from Ohio. References to Interstate Compact on Adoption and Medical Assistance forms 7.01 "Notice of Medicaid Eligibility/Case Activation" and 7.5 "Information Exchange" were deleted. The forms were outdated and the links on the forms were broken, additionally the forms were not fillable. The appendices which are made up of these forms will be rescinded.

OAC 5101:2-44-08 entitled “Redetermination and amendment of a state adoption maintenance subsidy” outlines the responsibility of the PCSA and the adoptive parent(s) to complete activities for the redetermination of SAMS annually. Language to assist the PCSA in completing the redetermination in the event of a custody change was added.

OAC 5101:2-44-09 entitled “Requirements for the state adoption special services subsidy program approved before July 1, 2004,” details the eligibility requirements and the reason for suspension and termination of state adoption special services subsidy approved before July 1, 2004. The revision dates were removed.

OAC 5101:2-44-10 entitled “Suspension of a state adoption maintenance subsidy” details the reasons for suspension of the subsidy, along with the process.

OAC 5101:2-44-11 entitled “Termination of a state adoption maintenance subsidy” details the reasons for suspension along with the steps taken to complete the termination process. The revision dates were removed.

OAC 5101:2-44-12 entitled “State adoption maintenance subsidy records” outlines the contents of the SAMS record and the responsibility of the PCSA to maintain said record.

Forms:

JFS 01613 “Application for State Adoption Maintenance Subsidy” is completed by the applicant to apply for SAMS.

JFS 01614 “Redetermination or Amendment of a State Adoption Maintenance Subsidy” is completed at the annual redetermination.

JFS 01614-I “Instructions for Completing JFS 01614 Redetermination or Amendment of a State Adoption Maintenance Subsidy” provides the instructions for completion of the redetermination or amendment of the SAMS. Grammar and punctuation edits were made.

JFS 01615 “Approval for State Adoption Maintenance Subsidy” is used to establish an initial state adoption maintenance subsidy. In Section V of the form instructions concerning the receipt of the Ohio Adoption Grant were added.

JFS 01615-I “Instructions for completing JFS 01615 Approval for State Adoption Maintenance Subsidy” provides instructions for completing the agreement for SAMS.

A copy of the proposed rule(s) is available, without charge, to any person affected by the rule(s) at the address listed below. The rule(s) is also available on the internet at

<http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>. A public hearing on the proposed rule(s) will be held at the date, time, and location listed at the top of this notice. Either written or oral testimony will be taken at the public hearing. Additionally, written comments submitted or postmarked no later than the date of the public hearing will be treated as testimony.

Requests for a copy of the proposed rule(s) or comments on the rule(s) should be submitted by mail to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Legal and Acquisition Services, 30 East Broad Street, 31st Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3414, by fax at (614) 752-8298, or by e-mail at rules@jfs.ohio.gov.