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**Food Assistance Transmittal Letter No. 402
(Five-Year Review)**

TO: All Food Assistance Manual Holders

FROM: Kimberly Hall, Director

SUBJECT: Five-Year Review: project area and approved county collaborations.

In accordance with section 106.03 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), each state agency is required to review each of its rules in the Ohio Administrative Code a minimum of once every five years. The intent of the review is to ensure that Administrative Code rules are clearly written and that program requirements are accurate, up-to-date and clearly expressed. To the extent possible, unnecessary paperwork will be eliminated, local agencies will be given increased flexibility, and any adverse impact on businesses will be eliminated or reduced. As a result of the review, the agency may amend the rule; rescind the rule; or continue the rule without amendment.

These rules have been subject to a review by the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). The changes will become effective on 7/01/2020.

Chapter 1000

5101:4-1-16 "Food assistance: project area and approved county collaborations."

This rule describes the statewide project area and the approved county collaborations. This rule has been amended. No substantive changes were made. All references of food assistance have been updated to supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP).

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Food assistance: project area and approved county collaborations.

This rule describes the statewide project area and the approved county collaborations for the purposes of administering the ~~food assistance programs~~ supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP). County collaborations allow multiple county departments of job and family services to come together under a common agreement and operate as a single entity for the purposes of administering ~~food assistance~~ SNAP benefits. Agreements between counties may be formalized under section 329.40 of the Revised Code or they may be informal agreements subject to review and approval by the Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS). Throughout division 5101:4 of the Administrative Code, the term "county agency" should be read to include an approved county collaboration.

(A) What is a project area?

The entire state of Ohio has been designated as a single project area responsible for program operations. Within the statewide project area, county collaboration have been designated as certification offices responsible for program operations ~~which~~ that includes, but is not limited to: application processing; eligibility determinations; and the operation of employment and training programs.

(B) What are the approved county collaborations?

~~The Ohio department of job and family services (ODJFS)~~ ODJFS issues the names of the approved county collaborations via a food assistance change transmittal letter, ~~which~~ that can be found in the food assistance certification handbook at the ODJFS website.

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