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De-designation of area agencies on aging.

- (A) The department of aging may de-designate an area agency on aging whenever required to do so under state or federal law, whenever de-designation has been determined by the department to be an appropriate sanction under rule 173-2-03 of the Administrative Code, or whenever the department reorganizes the state's planning and service areas and the geographical region a AAA has been designated to serve ceases to exist.
- (B) De-designation is a serious action which shall be used only in the public interest and for the protection of the state of Ohio. Because the department recognizes the valuable asset it has in its ~~AAASAAAs~~, the department shall not pursue the de-designation of an AAA without first giving consideration to the negative impact that de-designation may have upon the aging network and the lives of those seniors served by the AAA. The department shall take reasonable steps to minimize any disruption to the lives of service recipients whenever it de-designates an AAA.
- (C) In the event that the department finds it necessary to de-designate an AAA, the department shall take any steps necessary to ensure the continuation of services within the planning and service area served by the AAA until such time as a new AAA has been designated by the department. The steps taken by the department to ensure the continuation of services may include, but are not limited to, directly administering the grants and contracts of the AAA, or contracting with another AAA to administer the grants and contracts on behalf of the department.
- (D) The department shall provide written notice and an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with rule 173-2-05 of the Administrative Code to any AAA proposed for de-designation.

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