173-2-04 **De-designation of area agencies on aging**AAAs.

- (A) The department of aging ODA may de-designate an area agency on aging AAA whenever required to do so under state or federal law, whenever de-designation has been determined by the department ODA to be an appropriate sanction under rule 173-2-03 of the Administrative Code, or whenever the department ODA reorganizes the state's planning and service areas PSAs and the geographical region a AAA has been designated to serve ceases to exist.
- (B) De-designation is a serious action which that ODA shall be used pursue only when that action is in the public interest and for the protection of the state of Ohio. Because the department ODA recognizes the valuable asset it has in its AAAs, 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 ODA 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 departmentODA finds it necessary to de-designate an AAA, the departmentit shall take any steps necessary to ensure the continuation of services within the planning and service areaPSA served by the AAA until such time as a new AAA has been designated by the departmentODA. The steps taken by the departmentODA 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 departmentODA.
- (D) The department ODA 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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