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Introduction and definitions.

(A) The Ohio department of aging has been charged by the General Assembly with responsibility for the development and publication of a consumer guide about long-term care providers in Ohio. The guide is intended to be used by individuals and by their families, friends, advisors and others. In response to this charge, the department has created the Ohio long-term care consumer guide. The consumer guide will be published for distribution over the internet and will provide information about all types of long-term care services, and resources and contact information. The guide will include detailed information about nursing facilities, including nursing homes and skilled nursing facility units of hospitals, and licensed residential care facilities. The guide will also include county homes certified to receive medicare and medicaid reimbursement. Information about these facilities will include the facility size, location, services offered, customer satisfaction data, regulatory compliance performance data and, in the case of nursing facilities, quality measure data based upon criteria developed by the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services. The consumer guide data about nursing facilities and residential care facilities will allow comparison of the data for two or more facilities. The rules in this chapter of the Administrative Code govern the department's development and administration of the guide.

(B) The department shall build a database of comparative data about all types of long-term care services as soon as practicable. The recommendations of the long-term care consumer guide advisory council will assist the department in determining the order in which to study and add provider types, and the data sources available to provide consumers with comparative information and the display of that information.

(C) As used in this chapter:

(1) "Affiliation" means services operated by the same provider, or under a contract between the provider and another entity, and available on the property of, or in close proximity to the facility.

(2) "Consumer guide" means the Ohio long-term care consumer guide created by the Ohio department of aging in accordance with section 173.46 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Department" means the Ohio department of aging.

(4) "Facility" means both nursing facilities and residential care facilities.

(5) "Medicaid" has the same meaning as in section 5111.01 of the Revised Code.

(6) "Medicare" means the program operated pursuant to Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1936), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended.

(7) "Nursing facility" means either of the following:

- (a) A facility, or a distinct part of a facility, that is certified a nursing facility or a skilled nursing facility for purposes of the medicare or medicaid program;
- (b) A nursing home licensed under section 3721.02 of the Revised Code that is not certified as a nursing facility or skilled nursing facility.
- (8) "Residential care facility" has the same meaning as in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code.

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