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Introduction and definitions.

- (A) The 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, an assessment tool to assist in determining the most appropriate type of long-term care service to meet an individual's needs and will include resources and contact information. The guide will include detailed information about nursing facilities, including nursing homes and skilled nursing facility units of hospitals. 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 quality indicator data based upon criteria developed by the federal health care financing administration. The consumer guide data about nursing facilities will allow comparison of the data for two or more nursing facilities. The rules in this chapter of the Administrative Code govern the department's development and administration of the guide.
- (B) The recommendations of the long-term care consumer guide advisory council will assist in determining how to include in the guide measures on the quality of life of nursing facility residents.
- (C) The department of aging 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.
- (D) As used in this chapter of the Administrative Code:
- (1) "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.
 - (2) "Department" means the Ohio department of aging.
 - (3) "Medicaid" has the same meaning as in section 5111.01 of the Revised Code.

(4) "Medicare" means the program operated pursuant to Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 49 Stat. 620 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 301, as amended.

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

(a) A facility, or distinct part of a facility, that is certified as 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.

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