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**Introduction and definitions.**

(A) ~~Introduction: The rules appearing in Chapter 173-6 of the Administrative Code establish~~ This chapter establishes criteria for a consumer or a provider to participate ~~participate~~ in the golden buckeye program ~~by eligible individuals and providers. The program was established by that ODA established~~ pursuant to sections 173.06 and 173.061 of the Revised Code, ~~to assist to serve~~ The program serves as a gateway to ~~the following:~~

- (1) Current information on services available from the aging network to support older Ohioans and their families;
- (2) Timely information on the issues and changing needs for older Ohioans; and,
- (3) Tangible savings and consumer benefits targeted for older Ohioans and Ohioans with a disability.

(B) ~~As used in Chapter 173-6 of the Administrative Code~~ Definitions for this chapter:

- (1) "Cardholder" means any individual who possesses a golden buckeye card.
- (2) "Director" means the director of ODA.
- (3) "Disability" means a total and permanent disability for a person eighteen years of age or older.
- (4) "Golden buckeye program" means the program authorized under section 173.06 of the Revised Code.
- (5) "ODA" means "the Ohio department of aging."
- (6) "Provider" means ~~either~~ any of the following:
  - (a) A recognized professional (e.g., an optician, a painter) who provides a benefit or discount to cardholders regarding services offered by that professional.
  - (b) A business entity (e.g., merchant, store, retail sales operation) that provides a benefit or discount to cardholders regarding consumer goods and services sold by that business entity.
  - (c) A governmental entity (e.g., a public pool) that provides a benefit or

discount to cardholders regarding goods or services that it provides.

- (7) "Sign-up site" means a location where an individual may apply for a golden buckeye card. A sign-up site may include a senior center, a library, or any other location approved by ODA.

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