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173-6-01 **Introduction.**

- (A) Revised Code The golden buckeye program was established by the Ohio department of aging pursuant to section 173.06 of the Revised Code.
- (B) Mission The golden buckeye program is intended to serve as a gateway to:
 - (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 of older Ohioans; and,
 - (3) Tangible savings and consumer benefits targeted to older Ohioans and Ohioans with disabilities.
- (C) Rules The rules appearing in Chapter 173-6 of the Administrative Code establish criteria for participation in the golden buckeye program by eligible individuals, merchants, and service providers. The rules also govern the process through which the department will contract with one or more administrators to offer prescription drug discount programs to golden buckeye program cardholders, and establish requirements for the day to day administration of those programs.

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