



Department of  
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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Rule 173-37-01 of the Administrative Code regulates the enrollment process for individuals who sought to enroll into the former **Choices Program**. House Bill 59 (130th G.A.) authorized ODA and ODM to "collaborate to determine whether the Choices Program should continue to operate as a separate Medicaid waiver component or be terminated." The result was that the program was terminated and all individuals who were enrolled in the program were transferred to the PASSPORT Program, effective June 30, 2014.

ODA is now proposing to rescind this rule because it is obsolete.

In proposing to rescind this rule, ODA is not removing any opportunities for individuals or providers. Instead, the opportunities formerly presented by the Choices Program are now available in the PASSPORT Program, but on a statewide basis.

ODA will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 8, 2015** to obtain comments concerning the rule filing. ODA will hold the hearing in **Conference Room 1A** of ODA's offices at **246 N. High St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**. The hearing will begin at **10:00AM** and will continue until all parties in attendance have had an opportunity to comment.

Any person may direct written comments concerning the rule filing to ODA on or before the above hearing date. To do so, please email ODA's policy development manager, Tom Simmons, at [tsimmons@age.ohio.gov](mailto:tsimmons@age.ohio.gov).