

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Department of Aging will conduct a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to obtain comment concerning the Department's proposed adoption of new rule 173-37-01 of the Administrative Code, entitled, "Enrollment Process for the Choices Home and Community-Based Services Medicaid Waiver Program".

The Department of Aging is proposing the new rule to establish the standards and procedures for enrollment in the Choices home and community-based services Medicaid waiver program. To this end, the rule includes definitions of numerous terms appearing throughout the rule; repeats certain criteria for enrollment in the program that are provided for in rules to be adopted by the Department of Job and Family Services (proposed rule 5101:3-32-03 of the Administrative Code); provides that any applicant for enrollment in the program s entitled to notice and hearing rights, briefly describes what those rights are, and identifies the parties responsible for providing the necessary notice; provides for the use of a waiting list when more individuals are determined eligible to participate in the program than the state can serve given the number of slots available; and describes the order in which individuals will be added to, or removed from, the waiting list.

The hearing to which this notice applies will be conducted on Friday, June 9, 2006, in Conference Room A of the Department's offices at 50 W. Broad Street, 9th floor, Columbus, Ohio, 43215. The hearing will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will continue until all parties in attendance at that time have had an opportunity to provide comment. Written comments to the proposed actions may be mailed or faxed to the Department (FAX: 614-466-5741) on or before the date of the hearing. All requests for copies of the proposed rule revision and adoption, as well as any written comments, should be directed to the attention of Mike Laubert (614-466-1055; Mlaubert@age.state.oh.us) at the Ohio Department of Aging.