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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

BACKGROUND CHECKS

ODA will conduct a public hearing at the following place and time:

35 E. Chestnut St., Basement
Training Room A
Columbus, OH 43215

Tuesday, February 13, 2017
10:00AM

Chapter 173-9 requires responsible parties to conduct background checks¹ when planning to hire applicants or retain employees in direct-care positions.

- 173-9-03 and 173-9-03.1 require responsible parties to conduct database reviews on applicants and employees in direct-care positions and requires doing so before requesting criminal records on those applicants and employees. ODA proposes to correct the information cited about the databases to keep in step with changes government agencies recently made to their databases.
- 173-9-10 provides a link between the requirements of Chapter 173-9 and other rules or agreements establishing the means by which a responsible party would face consequences for failure to comply with Chapter 173-9. ODA proposes to explicitly address PACE in the rule, but to make other improvements outlined in the business impact analysis.

173-14-14 establishes the staffing requirements for regional programs, staff qualifications for the program, and implements the background-check requirements for paid ombudsman positions as required by ORC §173.27. ODA proposes to correct the information cited about the databases to keep in step with changes government agencies recently made to their databases.

ODA reviewed these rules top-to-bottom and propose additional amendments to them. For details on specific amendments, please review the business impact analysis.

Any person may participate in the public hearing. To submit written testimony to ODA regarding the rule projects in lieu of presenting written testimony in person, please email the written testimony to ODA's policy development

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¹ *Background checks*, as used in this document, mean both database reviews and criminal record checks.

manager, Tom Simmons, at tsimmons@age.ohio.gov before Tuesday, February 13, 2017.

To reduce the need to travel to Columbus, ODA may schedule other public hearings for the same time and place so the public may comment at one hearing on multiple rule packages.

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