

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

MEDICAID-FUNDED COMPONENT OF THE PASSPORT PROGRAM: ENROLLMENT AND REASSESSMENT

ODA reviewed rules 173-42-03 of the Administrative Code and now proposes to amend. Because ODA's proposals to amend this rule will result in amending approximately more than 50% of the rule, so ODA proposes to rescind the rule and to adopt a new rule in its place to comply with the 50% guideline in §4.3.1 of LSC's [Rule Drafting Manual](#). In doing so, ODA proposes to achieve the following:

1. The rule requires ODA's designee to collect the individual's handwritten or electronic signature as an agreement to continue as an enrollee in the program. To allow for social distancing during the COVID-19 public health emergency, ODA added a provision to paragraph (D) of this rule to allow collecting this signature at a later date. ODA now proposes to limit this flexibility to emergencies declared by the governor or a federal public health emergency.
2. ODA proposes to continue requiring an ODA-approved enrollment agreement, but to no longer require the use of form ODA1044.
3. To comply with R.C. §§ [106.03](#), [121.95](#), and [121.951](#), ODA proposes to reduce the use of regulatory restriction words (*e.g.*, *shall*) in this rule. This accounts for a majority of the amendments to this rule.

ODA will conduct a public hearing on this rule at the following place, date, and time:

Place: **Tower Conference Room
Rhodes Tower, Lobby Level
30 E Broad St
Columbus, OH 43215**

Date: **October 12, 2023**

Time: **10:00AM**

Any person may participate in person or online.

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To provide written testimony to ODA in lieu of presenting testimony during the hearing, please email the written testimony to rules@age.ohio.gov before the day of the hearing.

To receive a response to oral testimony provided during the public hearing, the person making the oral testimony must provide ODA with their contact information and a written version of their testimony before 5:00PM on the day of the hearing. A person may email the contact information and testimony to rules@age.ohio.gov.

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