NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, May 25, 2011 TIME: 2:00 P.M. PLACE: 8th Floor Large Conference Room OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH 246 N. High Street COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

In accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code (R.C.) and by authority of R.C. 3701.241, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), or his designee, will conduct a public hearing at the time and place listed above, to consider the proposal to rescind current O.A.C. rules 3701-44-01 to 3701-44-08; and to file new rules 3701-44-01 to 3701-44-04. These rules pertain to the Ryan White Part B program administered by ODH.

The new rules include common program definitions, authorize the provision of medical case management services, describe program eligibility and provide the ability to waive rule compliance as applicable. The purpose of these changes is to allow for greater flexibility in managing the Ryan White Part B funds, including the use of medical criteria to permit care for the most financially and medically vulnerable clients.

At the hearing, people affected by the proposed actions may appear and be heard in person, by an attorney or both; may present their positions, arguments, or contentions orally or in writing; may offer witnesses; and may present evidence tending to show that the proposed rules, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful. Persons intending to testify are encouraged to pre-register by writing to the Office of the General Counsel - Rules, Ohio Department of Health, 246 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, by telephoning (614) 466-4882, or by e-mail to odhrules@odh.ohio.gov.

Copies of the proposed rules are available on the Register of Ohio website. A link to this site may be found at <u>http://www.odh.ohio.gov/rules/pending.aspx</u> or from the Office of the General Counsel, Ohio Department of Health. Please FAX [(614) 728-7813], mail, or e-mail any written comments by 10:00 a.m. on May 25, 2011.

April 20, 2011