NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

DATE: Thursday, January 26, 2012 TIME: 3:00 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.) the Director of the Ohio Department of Health (Director) or his designee will conduct two public rules hearings on January 26, 2012 at the place and time listed above. The hearings concern the following rules:

HEARING #1: By authority of R.C. sections 3721.28, 3721.29, and 3721.30, the Director proposes to amend Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) rules 3701-18-03 to 3701-18-05, 3701-18-06, 3701-18-14, 3701-18-15, and 3701-18-21. These rules pertain to the Nurse Aide Training Competency and Evaluation (NATCEP) and Train-the-Trainer (TTT) programs. These changes will 1) rescind the existing Appendix to rule 3701-18-21 and enact a new Appendix to provide updated TTT program curriculum guidelines; 2) update terminology to reflect current industry standards; 3) make formatting changes to comply with Legislative Service Commission rule drafting requirements; and 4) correct an erroneous citation to the Code of Federal Regulations in paragraph (D) of rule 3701-18-03.

HEARING #2: By authority of R.C. sections 3702.11 and 3702.13 and due to House Bill 331 of the 127th General Assembly, the Director proposes to rescind O.A.C. rules 3701-84-42, 3701-84-43, 3701-84-46, 3701-84-50, 3701-84-51, 3701-84-54, and 3701-84-59. These rules pertain to the Obstetric and Newborn Care Services portion of the Health Care Services rules. Because of the enactment of new R.C. Chapter 3711., new rules pertaining to the licensure of maternity units, newborn care nurseries, and maternity homes are now set forth in O.A.C. Chapter 3701-7.

At the hearing, people affected by the proposed action 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 rule, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

To aid in getting visitors through building security, both persons intending to testify at the hearing and those simply intending to observe are encouraged to pre-register by writing 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 sending an e-mail to <u>odhrules@odh.ohio.gov</u>.

Copies of the proposed rule 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) 564-2509], mail, or e-mail any written comments by 10:00 a.m. on January 26, 2012.

<u>December 21, 2011</u>