

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, September 24, 2013
 TIME: 3:00 P.M.
 PLACE: Basement Training Room A
 OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
 35 East Chestnut Street
 Columbus, Ohio 43215

In accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code (R.C.), the Director (Director) of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), or his designee, shall conduct a public rules hearing at the date, time, and place listed above. The hearing will consider changes to the following Administrative Code rules:

O.A.C. 3701-15 - Tuberculosis Testing and Programs. By authority of R.C. 3701.146 and in fulfillment of five-year review requirements, the Director proposes to amend O.A.C. rule 3701-15-03. This rule pertains to Tuberculosis standards for the purposes of section 3701.14 of the Revised Code. The proposed amendment modifies paragraph (A)(3) to include language for updated treatment guidelines.

O.A.C. 3701-40 – Universal Newborn Hearing Screening. By authority of R.C. 3701.508 and pursuant to R.C. 119.03A and H.B. 150 of the 124th General Assembly, the Director proposes the following actions:

3701-40-01	Definitions	Rescind/New
3701-40-02	Hearing screening requirements for hospitals and freestanding birthing centers	Rescind/New
3701-40-03	Notification requirements for boards of health	Rescind
3701-40-03	Requirements for boards of health	New
3701-40-04	Objections to hearing screening	Amend
3701-40-05	Qualifications of personnel conducting hearing screenings	Amend
3701-40-06	Hearing screening methods	Rescind
3701-40-06	Hearing screening and equipment requirements	New
3701-40-07	Reimbursement for hearing screening	Amend
3701-40-08	Submission and analysis of hearing screening information	Rescind
3701-40-08	Hearing evaluations	New
3701-40-09	Hearing screening tracking and follow up	Amend
3701-40-10	Printed hearing screening information	Rescind
3701-40-10	Ohio department of health training and materials	New
3701-40-11	Ohio department of health training	Rescind

Extensive changes are proposed to the newborn screening rules to regroup and consolidate the requirements for each of the primary stakeholders: OHD, the LHDs, hospitals and birthing facilities, and pediatric audiology providers. Many other changes are summarized in the rule summary/fiscal analysis form filed with the rule and will be located on the Register of Ohio website:

<http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/jsps/publicdisplayrules/searchRuleNumber.jsp>

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. To aid in getting visitors through building security, both persons intending to testify at one or more e 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 odhrules@odh.ohio.gov.

Copies of the proposed rules are available on the Register of Ohio website (See above noted link) 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 5:00 p.m. on September 23, 2013.

August 16, 2013