

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Director of the Ohio Department of Health has proposed to amend existing rules 3701-61-01 through 3701-61-03, and 3701-61-05; and to rescind existing and propose new 3701-61-04 of the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.). These rules pertain to Nursing Home Residents' Rights on Transfer or Discharge; Employee Background Checks. The rules are being proposed for amendment to comply with Amended Substitute House Bill 94/125th General Assembly.

In accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code, the Director, or his designee, will conduct a public hearing on the proposed action on Tuesday, November 9, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. The hearing will be conducted in the 4th Floor Training Room #2 of the Ohio Department of Health, 246 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

At the hearing, persons affected by the proposed action may appear and be heard in person, by their 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 Kaye Norton, Office of the General Counsel, Ohio Department of Health, P.O. Box 118, Columbus, Ohio 43266-0118, or by telephoning (614) 466-4882.

Copies of the proposed rule are available from Ms. Norton or on the Department of Health's web site at www.odh.state.oh.us. Written comments also may be submitted to Ms. Vermillion at the above address or FAX to (614) 728-7813 on or before November 9, 2004.

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