

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code (R.C.), the Director of the Ohio Department of Health, or his or her designee, will conduct a public hearing beginning at **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2007, in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room #1 of the Ohio Department of Health, 246 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio**, to consider amending existing rules 3701-18-01, 3701-18-03, 3701-18-04, 3701-18-05, 3701-18-06, 3701-18-06.1, 3701-18-09, 3701-18-12, 3701-14, 3701-18-15, 3701-18-16, and 3701-18-21 of the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.). These rules pertain to Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation and Train-the-Trainer Programs. Authorized by Revised Code sections 3721.28, 3721.29, and 3721.30, these rules have been reviewed pursuant to R.C. section 119.032 (five-year review).

The proposed amendments do the following: 1) change the definitions of "licensed health professional" and "nurse aide," and define the term "religious nonmedical health care institution" to achieve consistency with recent statutory revisions; 2) indicate that entities and persons applying for approval and reapproval of TCEPs only need to submit one typed original of the necessary application forms; 3) increase the initial and reapproval TCEP application fees to three hundred dollars, and initial and reapproval TTT application fees to six hundred twenty-five dollars effective July 1, 2007; 4) allow Medicare and Medicaid certified facilities to submit their provider numbers on applications for approval of TCEPs; 5) require TCEPs and TTT programs to provide written notification of proposed program changes at least ten business days prior to implementation, and to obtain prior approval of such changes from the director of health; 6) clarify that the director has sixty days from receipt of a TCEP or TTT application to mail a notice of approval or proposed denial; 7) rescind current, and enact new, TCEP and TTT Curriculum Standards; and 8) correct minor citation and grammatical errors.

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 rule, 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, 246 N. High Street 43215, by telephoning (614) 466-4882, or by e-mail at [Kaye.norton@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:Kaye.norton@odh.ohio.gov).

Copies of the proposed rules are available on the Register of Ohio website (ODH has a link to that website at [www.odh.ohio.gov/rules/pending.aspx](http://www.odh.ohio.gov/rules/pending.aspx)) or from Ms. Norton at the above-mentioned address. Written comments also may be submitted to Ms. Norton by mail, e-mail, or FAX (614-728-7813) on or before 9:00 a.m. March 6, 2007.

February 1, 2007