

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Ohio Board of Nursing (Board) will conduct a public hearing on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 beginning at 1:00 p.m. and continuing until all parties in attendance have had an opportunity to be heard. The hearing will be held in room 1960 of the Vern Riffe Center, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Pursuant to sections 4723.61 to 4723.69 of the Revised Code, the Board is proposing to adopt the following new rules: 4723-27-01, Definitions: 4723-27-02, Standards of safe medication administration by a certified medication aide; 4723-27-03, Delegation of medication administration to certified medication aides; 4723-27-04, Certification as a medication aide; 4723-27-05, Renewal of a medication aide certificate; 4723-27-06, Continuing education requirements; 4723-27-07, Medication aide training programs; 4723-27-08, Standard minimum curriculum for medication aide programs; 4723-27-09, Disciplinary actions against certified medication aides; investigations; 4723-27-10, Fees; 4723-27-11, Medication aide pilot program; 4723-27-12, Pilot program application; 4723-27-13, Utilization of certified medication aides by pilot program participants: and 4723-27-14. Pilot program data reporting and evaluation.

Individuals intending to testify are encouraged to pre-register by sending an email to lawrules@nursing.ohio.gov or writing to:

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Witnesses who pre-register will be permitted to testify before those who have not pre-registered. Testimony presented during the hearing or submitted to Ms. Houchen will be considered by the Board at its meeting on March 16 - 17, 2006. A copy of the proposed rules referenced above may be obtained at the Board's web site, www.nursing.ohio.gov, or from the Ohio Register, www.registerofohio.state.oh.us.

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