

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RULES HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, July 7, 2022
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Via Electronic Teleconference
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In accordance with *Chapter 119* of the Revised Code (R.C.), the Director of the Ohio Department of Health announces a Public Hearing at the date and time listed above to hear comments regarding the following action:

Ohio Revised Code (O.A.C.) Chapter 3701:1-67 – External Beam Radiation-Generating Equipment (3701:1-67-01-04, 3701:1-67-08-10, 3701:1-67-12)

The proposed rules set forth requirements for external beam radiation therapy equipment operation. List the definitions used throughout the Chapter. Establishes general administrative requirements for equipment, such as certifications, training, and qualifications. Amendments are being made to include specific requirements for the individual responsible for radiation protection and general clarifying updates. Set forth standards for operating therapy equipment and survey/dosimetry equipment and are proposed without changes. Establish the requirements for radiation shielding of facilities and radiation surveys. Proposed changes explicitly designate responsibilities for performing surveys as well as establish requirements for quality assurance of radiation therapy, simulation, and image guidance equipment, which includes procedures for performance testing, documentation, and specification of action and safety tolerance limits. Amendments are also being made to include clarifying edits and update the referenced performance tests and addresses electronic brachytherapy equipment to explicitly require handler compliance, as well as prevent the use of radiation-generating equipment that is unregulated until the handler has provided ODH with adequate documentation and received written approval for handling.

Information regarding rule package proposed:

This Ohio Department of Health (Department) rule package consists of 7 amended and 4 no change rules. The draft rules were submitted in separate packages to the CSI Office the first being on January 13, 2020 with the public comment period being held open until February 13, 2020 and the second being resubmitted on April 1, 2021 with the public comment period being held open through April 15, 2021. Unless otherwise noted below, this recommendation reflects the version of the proposed rules filed with the CSI Office.

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Hearing and Contact Information:

Information about the hearing, people affected by the proposed action may appear via teleconference and be heard or in tandem with an attorney. They may present their positions, arguments, or contentions orally or in writing; may offer witnesses; and may present evidence showing that the proposed rule, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

To aid in getting the call to be organized and go as smooth as possible, any persons intending to testify on the tele-Public Hearing or planning to observe are encouraged to email Alicyn.Carrel@odh.ohio.gov immediately. Please include in the subject of your email – TESTIFYING IN PUBLIC HEARING and the DATE of the Public Hearing in which you are testifying.

Copies of the proposed rules will be available on the Register of Ohio website: <http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/rules/search> approximately one day after the rule is filed, or from the Office of the General Counsel, Ohio Department of Health (<https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/about-us/offices-bureaus-and-departments/Office-of-General-Counsel/laws-and-rules/>).

Please e-mail any written comments or RSVP if you are planning on testifying to Alicyn.Carrel@odh.ohio.gov by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, 2022.