

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RULES HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 29, 2024
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 3701-3-16 – Reporting Drug Overdose (OAC 3701-3-16)

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3701-3-16 is a new rule intended to collect data on non-fatal overdose encounters by establishing individual non-fatal overdoses as a reportable health condition by emergency departments. This rule establishes a definition for a dedicated emergency department, requires a dedicated emergency department to report non-fatal overdoses, prescribes how this information is to be reported, and categorizes the information reported as a result of this rule as protected health information. This rule also contains an appendix intended to establish patient diagnosis codes for overdoses.

Information regarding rule package proposed:

This rule package consists of seven no-change rules and one amended rule proposed by the Ohio Department of Health (Department) as part of the statutory five-year review process. This rule package was submitted to the CSI Office on December 15, 2021, and the public comment period was held open through January 14, 2022.

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;

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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/health-rules-laws-and-forms>)

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, February 27, 2024.