

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**OPPORTUNITIES FOR OHIOANS WITH DISABILITIES (OOD) AGENCY****Date: June 11, 2025****Time: 10:00AM****Location: OOD and Microsoft Teams videoconference****150 E. Campus View Boulevard, 3rd Floor conference room 0306****Columbus, Ohio 43235**

The Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) Agency will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of soliciting comments regarding the filing of Ohio Adm.Code Rules 3304-2-5 and 3304-2-53.1.

The public hearing will be conducted on Wednesday, June 11, 2025 beginning at 10:00AM in the 0306 conference room located at 150 E. Campus View Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43235 and continue until all those attending have had an opportunity to be heard. You may also join the public hearing via Microsoft Teams videoconference. If you would like to attend virtually, or if you would like to request reasonable accommodation to participate in the hearing, please notify ood.administrativerules@ood.ohio.gov to make arrangements.

This notice of public hearing announces OOD's intention to file amended administrative rule 3304-2-53 and new administrative rule 3304-2-53.1 in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code. The reasons for the filing of the rules are below.

Ohio Administrative Code 3304-2-53 (Qualifications and standards for vocational rehabilitation service providers) describes the qualifications and standards required of vocational rehabilitation service providers. The amendments to 3304-2-53 are being proposed in order to reflect changes including updating rule language to align with the language of OOD's Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Fee Schedule (Appendix A) of Ohio Admin. Code 3304-2-52 (Least Cost, Use of Comparable Benefits, Participant Contribution, and Fees for Services), clarify current rule language, and remove the term vendor.

3304-2-53.1 (Qualifications for personal assistance service suppliers) describes the qualifications for personal assistance service providers. The rule is being proposed to supplement Ohio Admin. Code 3304.2.53 by allowing OOD to purchase personal assistance services from an independent supplier with a certified background check, but without a requirement for licensure or certification.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide the opportunity for any interested person to give testimony for or against these proposed Ohio Administrative Code rules. Testimony for the proposal or against the proposal may be made at the public hearing, or written comments may be emailed to the Executive Director at ood.administrativerules@ood.ohio.gov. Written comments will be accepted until the start of the hearing.

Please find the proposed rules on OOD's website using the following link: XXXXXXXXXX. If you would like to receive a copy of the rules in a special format (e.g., Microsoft Word format, regular or large print), please email ood.administrativerules@ood.ohio.gov.