<u>173-45-09</u> **Facility fees.**

- (A) The department of aging shall collect an annual consumer guide fee of four hundred dollars from each nursing facility, and three hundred dollars from each residential care facility in Ohio.
- (B) One time every year, the department shall provide each facility with a billing statement requesting payment of the consumer guide fee. The department shall include the following in each billing statement:
 - (1) A description of the time period covered by the billing statement;
 - (2) A deadline for receipt of the payment;
 - (3) A statement indicating that payment must be made to the department within thirty days of the date on which the billing statement was mailed by the department;
 - (4) A statement indicating that payment should be made in the form of a check or money order payable to the long-term care consumer guide fund:
 - (5) The address where the payment must be sent:
 - (6) A statement indicating that the department may certify to the office of the attorney general for collection any fee that is not paid in a timely manner.
- (C) Each facility must make full payment of the consumer guide fee to the department within thirty days of the date on which the billing statement was mailed to the facility.
- (D) The department shall certify to the Ohio attorney general the amount of any payment not received by the department within forty-five days after payment becomes due.

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