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Enrollment process for those sixty years of age or older.

(A) Automatic enrollment: If the bureau of motor vehicles informs ODA (or ODA's administrator) that an Ohio resident is sixty years of age or older, ODA (or ODA's administrator) may automatically enroll the individual into the golden buckeye program.

(B) Manual enrollment:

(1) If ODA (or ODA's administrator) did not automatically enroll an Ohio resident who is sixty years of age or older, the individual may apply for the golden buckeye program.

(a) If the individual chooses to apply through a sign-up site, the individual shall:

(i) Complete the application;

(ii) Sign the application; and,

(iii) Take the completed application along with verification of age (e.g., driver's license, state identification card, birth certificate) to a sign-up site for processing.

(b) If the individual chooses to apply by mail or by fax, the individual shall:

(i) Complete the application;

(ii) Sign the application;

(iii) Make a photo copy of a card or document that verifies that the individual is sixty years of age or older (e.g., photo copy of a driver's license, photo copy of a state identification card, photo copy of a birth certificate); and,

(iv) Mail or fax the application and the photo copy required by paragraph (B)(1)(b)(iii) of this rule to ODA (or ODA's administrator) by mailing these documents to the address listed on the application or by faxing these documents to the fax number listed on the application.

(c) If ODA (or ODA's administrator) begins to accept online applications and the individual qualifies to apply online according to the terms listed on ODA's (or the administrator's) website, the individual shall:

(i) Complete the electronic application that ODA (or ODA's administrator) provides on its website; and,

(ii) Check the box that says "I agree" that is located on the electronic application one line of text below the following statement: "I declare that the information provided on this application is truthful."

(2) After a sign-up site receives the individual's application, it shall:

(a) Verify that the individual completed and signed the application;

(b) Verify that the individual is sixty years of age or older by documenting the source of information (e.g., driver's license number, state identification card number) on the application;

(c) Write the name of the sign-up site on the application;

(d) Write the initials of the staff person at the sign-up site who processed the application on the application;

(e) If the sign-up site determines that the individual is eligible for the golden buckeye program, detach the temporary golden buckeye card atop the application form, then provide it to the individual; and,

(f) Fax or mail the completed application to ODA (or ODA's administrator) in less than one week after it receives the individual's application.

(3) After ODA (or ODA's administrator) receives an application from a sign-up site or from an individual through the mail, by fax, or online, it shall:

(a) Verify the following:

(i) For a hard-copy application received from a sign-up site, verify that the sign-up site complied with paragraphs (B)(2)(a) to (B)(2)(d) of this rule;

(ii) For a hard-copy application received from an individual, verify that the individual complied with paragraph (B)(1)(b) of this rule; or,

(iii) For an electronic application, verify that the individual completed the application in compliance with paragraph (B)(1)(c) of this rule.

(b) Issue a golden buckeye card to an individual who is eligible.

(C) Signature:

(1) After an individual is issued a golden buckeye card, the individual shall sign the

card. No card is valid until the cardholder signs it.

(2) After the individual signs his or her golden buckeye card, the card remains valid for the remaining life of the cardholder, unless ODA revokes the card due to a fraudulent application or fraudulent use of the card.

(D) Transferability: A cardholder shall not transfer a golden buckeye card to any other person.

(E) Replacement card: If a golden buckeye card is lost, stolen, or damaged, a cardholder who is sixty years of age or older may apply for a new card through one of the following means:

(1) A sign-up site, in accordance with paragraph (B)(1)(a) of this rule;

(2) By mail or by fax, in accordance with paragraph (B)(1)(b) of this rule; or,

(3) Online, in accordance with paragraph (B)(1)(c) of this rule.

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