173-6-04 **Processing and issuance of golden buckeye cards.**

- (A) Issuance The department of aging, directly or through its administrator(s), may issue a golden buckeye card to any eligible individual. Each card shall contain a unique cardholder identifier.
- (B) On-site processing A completed application may be processed at any authorized sign-up site. The person accepting the application at the sign-up site shall list the Ohio drivers license or state identification number of the applicant, or include a description of the identification or other documentation used by the applicant to provide proof of age eligibility, note the number of the sign-up site, and initial and date the application form as verification of the applicant's eligibility to participate in the golden buckeye program. If the application is for a person with disabilities, the person accepting the application shall attach a photocopy of the appropriate documentation to the application. The sign-up site will mail all completed applications to the department of aging within one week of receiving them. Upon receipt of the completed applications, the department of aging or an administrator acting on behalf of the department will issue golden buckeye cards to eligible applicants.
- (C) Processing by mail A completed application together with a photocopy of the applicant's proof of eligibility may be mailed directly to the department of aging. Upon receipt of the application and verification of eligibility, the department of aging or an administrator acting on behalf of the department will issue a golden buckeye card to the applicant.
- (D) Replacement cards An individual may obtain a replacement card for a lost, stolen, or damaged golden buckeye card by providing the same type of documentation required in the original application.

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