

**Department of
Aging**

John Kasich, Governor
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NOTICE

H.B. No. 153's amendments to sections 173.404 and 173.501 of the Revised Code take effect on September 29, 2011. The amendments will change the Unified Waiting List and the **Home First component of PACE**, by preventing the PACE organization from adding an individual to the Unified Waiting List only to immediately remove the individual from the list because he or she qualifies for Home First component of the program. This will allow a PACE organization to immediately enroll an eligible individual into the program any time a slot is available in the program without the formality of adding and removing the individual from the waiting list. ODA must now amend rule 173-50-03 of the Administrative Code to incorporate this change into the Administrative Code. ODA proposes to adopt the amended rule on September 29, 2011, the same day that H.B. No. 153's amendments take effect.

ODA will conduct a public hearing to obtain comments concerning ODA's proposed amendments to rule 173-50-03 of the Administrative Code. ODA will conduct the hearing on **August 15, 2011** in Conference Rooms **10A & 10B** of the ODA's offices at 50 W. Broad Street, **10th floor**; Columbus, OH 43215. The hearing will begin at **1:30PM** and will continue until all parties in attendance at that time have had an opportunity to provide comment.

ODA will consolidate this public hearing with at least seven other public hearings on August 15, 2011 to reduce the state's administrative expenses and to reduce the general public's costs associated with traveling to Columbus to participate in public hearings.

Any person may direct written comments or requests for information concerning the proposed actions to Tom Simmons, ODA's rules manager, on or before the date of the hearing by writing to rules@age.state.oh.us.

(Please also note the related rule package regarding the Unified Waiting List.)

INTRODUCTION

ODA is proposing to amend rule 173-53-03 of the Administrative Code. In doing so, ODA has 3 basic goals:

1. To incorporate H.B. No. 153's amendments to the Home First language into the rule. H.B. No. 153's amendments to sections 173.404 and 173.501 of the Revised Code take effect on September 29, 2011. The amendments will change the Unified Waiting List and the Home First component of PACE, by preventing the PACE organization from adding an individual to the Unified Waiting List only to immediately remove the individual from the list because he or she qualifies for Home First component of the program. This will allow a PACE organization to immediately enroll an eligible individual into the program any time a slot is available in the program without the formality of adding and removing the individual from the waiting list. ODA must now amend rule 173-50-03 of the Administrative Code to incorporate this change into the Administrative Code. ODA

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proposes to adopt the amended rule on September 29, 2011, the same day that H.B. No. 153's amendments take effect.

2. To comply with section 119.032 of the Revised Code, which requires each state agency to review each rule on or before the rule's designated review date.
3. To comply with Governor Kasich's Executive Order 2011-01K "Implementing Common Sense Business Regulation" and S.B. No. 2 (129th G.A.) which require each state agency to eliminate unnecessary regulations and to write easier-to-read and easier-to-comprehend rules to promote transparency in the agency's regulations. Earlier in 2011, ODA adopted the most-recent versions of rule 173-50-03 of the Administrative Code after undergoing a similar review process. After reviewing this rule again, ODA has determined that:
 - a. The rule and the proposed amendment to the rule do not burden any Ohio business. The only businesses subject to the rule are PACE organizations and the rule proposals eliminate an unnecessary process that current rules require of PACE organizations.
 - b. ODA wrote the rule and the proposed amendment to the rule in a manner that is as easy to understand as the subject matter permits, including using terminology and presenting rule language in a manner that is uniform between chapters of the Administrative Code and between ODA's programs.

ODA is also proposing to amend this rule after providing interested parties and the general public an opportunity to provide input on the proposed amendments to the rule. From June 30, 2011 to July 11, 2011, ODA posted the proposed amended rule on <http://aging.ohio.gov/information/rules/proposed.aspx> for a public-comment period.

173-50-03 Enrollment process.

Specifically, ODA is proposing to amend this rule to:

1. Incorporate the language from rule 173-44-04 of the Administrative Code concerning the Home First Component of PACE into this rule.
2. Describe the unified waiting list as one of two options when enrolling an eligible individual into PACE when no slot is available. The other option is now the home-first component of PACE.
3. Organize the rule language concerning slot availability, Home First, and the Unified Waiting List in a format as similar to proposed amended rule 173-38-03 of the Administrative Code, which ODA is proposing to amend in another rule package, and new rule 173-42-03 of the Administrative Code, which ODA is proposing to adopt in another rule package, as possible to make comparing the rules as easy as possible. This will make the ODA's rules as easy to comprehend as the subject matter allows.
4. Replace "Request for Cash, Medical, and Food Stamp Assistance" in paragraph (F)(3) with "Request for Cash, Food, and Medical Assistance" because JFS changed the title of form JFS07200.
5. Insert "173.01" into the statutory authority section because section 173.01 of the Revised Code gives ODA authority to adopt this rule.