

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Department of Aging will conduct a hearing in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to obtain comment concerning the Department's proposed adoption of new rule 173-38-01 of the Administrative Code, entitled, "Enrollment process for the assisted living Medicaid waiver program".

The Department of Aging is proposing the new rule to establish the standards and procedures for enrollment in the Assisted Living program administered by the Department. The rule defines a number of the terms used in the rule; briefly describes how an individual may start the enrollment process, and the role to be played in that process by state agencies; describes the notice and hearing rights to which an applicant is entitled and the role played by state agencies to provide the necessary notice; establishes a waiting list to be used when more applicants have been determined eligible to participate in the program than there are slots available to serve them; and describes how an applicant will be placed on, and removed from, the waiting list.

The hearing to which this notice applies will be conducted on Friday, June 9, 2006, in Conference Room A of the Department's offices at 50 W. Broad Street, 9<sup>th</sup> floor, Columbus, Ohio, 43215. The hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will continue until all parties in attendance at that time have had an opportunity to provide comment. Written comments to the proposed actions may be mailed or faxed to the Department (FAX: 614-466-5741) on or before the date of the hearing. All requests for copies of the proposed rule revision and adoption, as well as any written comments, should be directed to the attention of Mike Laubert (614-466-1055; Mlaubert@age.state.oh.us) at the Ohio Department of Aging.