



Department of  
Aging

John Kasich, Governor  
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## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

### ODA PROVIDER CERTIFICATION: HOMEMAKER

ODA will conduct a public hearing at the following place and time:

Ohio Department of Aging  
246 N. High St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Room 1149 (Training Room)  
Columbus, OH 43215

Thursday, August 17, 2017  
10:00AM

The purpose of the hearing is to give interested parties an opportunity to comment upon ODA's proposed amendments to OAC173-39-02.8, which are described below.

ODA proposes to insert a paragraph that would function like a sub-heading to indicate where in the rule requirements for the provider begin. This merely adds clarity to the rule. All paragraphs occurring after this sub-heading would be indented underneath.

ODA proposes to insert a general requirement to comply with the requirements for every ODA-certified provider in OAC173-39-02. Without this amendment, ODA-certified providers would still be required to comply, but may not be aware of the need to do so.

ODA proposes to delete paragraphs duplicating requirements in OAC173-39-02 and duplicating other paragraphs in this rule.

ODA proposes to replace *one or more of the following requirements* in (B)(6)(a) with *at least one of the following requirements*.

In (B)(6)(a)(iii), ODA proposes to replace *without a twenty-four-month lapse in employment as a nurse aide or home health aide* to a general reference to *any additional requirements under 42 CFR Part 484*. This proposed change does not change how one may qualify to become a homemaker aide. Instead, it prevents ODA from restating or interpreting 42 CFR Part 484.

ODA proposes to allow a person with a current, valid license to be an RN or an LPN under the direction of an RN to qualify to be a homemaker supervisor. This will create a new career opportunity for RNs and LPNs.

ODA also proposes to make basic terminology amendments, including the following:

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- Adding *ODA provider certification* to the beginning of the rule's title.
- Replacing uses of *consumers* with *individuals*.
- Replacing uses of *must* with *shall*.
- Replacing *capacity* with *adequate staffing levels*.
- Replacing uses of *furnish* with *provide*.
- Replacing *prior to* with *before*.
- Deleting *delivery* when it occurs after *service*.

Any person may participate in the public hearing. To submit written testimony to ODA regarding the rule projects in lieu of presenting written testimony in person, please email the written testimony to ODA's policy development manager, Tom Simmons, at [tsimmons@age.ohio.gov](mailto:tsimmons@age.ohio.gov) **before** Thursday, August 17, 2017.

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