Ohio Department of Aging



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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) will conduct a public hearing in accordance with section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code to obtain comments concerning ODA's proposed amendment of rule 173-41-01 of the Administrative Code that pertains to **criminal records checks**.

Pursuant to section 119.032 of the Revised Code, which requires every state agency to review its rules every five years, and pursuant to the amendment and renumbering of section 173.41 of the Revised Code as new section 173.394 of the Revised Code, as amended and renumbered by Am. Sub. H. B. № 530 (126th G. A.), ODA is proposing to amend this rule.

This proposed **AMENDED RULE** does the following:

- 1. Brings the rule language into compliance with section 173.394 of the Revised Code, which requires background checks for all applicants for employment in community-based long-term care agencies under ODA, not just those of the PASSPORT program.
- 2. Incorporates language regarding the "fingerprint card" that matches the language of section 109.572 of the Revised Code.
- 3. Makes other changes that bring clarity to the rule.

The hearing to which this notice applies will be conducted on **November 20, 2007** in a 10th floor conference room of ODA's offices at 50 W. Broad Street, 10th floor; Columbus, OH 43215. The hearing will begin at 10:30AM and will continue until all parties in attendance at that time have had an opportunity to provide comment.

Written comments or requests for information concerning the proposed actions may be directed to Tom Simmons at ODA on or before the date of the hearing by writing to <u>tsimmons@age.state.oh.us</u>.