



Department of
Aging

Ted Strickland, Governor
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Department of Aging will conduct a public hearing in accordance with Chapter 119.032 of the Ohio Revised Code to obtain comments on the rule proposals regarding the **Senior Facilities Program** (Chapter 173-11 of the Ohio Administrative Code).

After giving the rule its five-year rule review under section 119.032 of the Revised Code, on September 3, 2008, ODA initially proposed to rescind the rules of Chapter 173-11 of the Administrative Code because the Ohio General Assembly has not appropriated funds to the Senior Facilities Program since FY02 (2001-2002), and because Governor Strickland's Executive Order 2008-04S requests the rescission of regulations that do not lead to clear outcomes for achieving Ohio-specific public-policy goals.

During the public comment period that preceded that rule filing (August 15, 2008 to August 28, 2008) and during the public hearing held on that rule filing (October 7, 2008), participants asked if ODA would withhold rescinding the rules even though the Senior Facilities Program had been unfunded since 2001.

In response, ODA has decided not to "throw away the car just because it is out of gas." As a result, ODA is now proposing to replace the current rules of Chapter 173-11 of the Administrative Code with substantially similar rules.

The hearing to which this notice applies will be conducted on **Monday, November 24, 2008** in Conference Room A of the Department's offices at 50 W. Broad Street, 9th floor; Columbus, OH 43215. The hearing will begin at **1:00PM** and will continue until all parties in attendance at that time have had an opportunity to provide comment.

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