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Department of Aging

Ted Strickland, Governor Barbara E. Riley, Director

NOTICE

ODA will conduct a public hearing to obtain comments concerning ODA's proposed rescission of rules and adoption of new rules regarding **transportation services**, as required by section 119.03 of the Revised Code. ODA will conduct the hearing on **Monday**, **December 22**, **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.

ODA is proposing to rescind rules 173-3-02, 173-39-02.13, and 173-39-02.18 and to replace those rules with proposed new rules 173-3-06.69, 173-39-02.13, and 173-39-02.18 of the Administrative Code. The goals of this rule package is to make the rules easier to read by placing the rules in a better outline and by removing language regarding vehicle inspections from appendices and, instead, requiring them in 1-page-long forms that are readily available on ODA's web site. Additionally, ODA is proposing to replace rule 173-3-02 with 173-3-06.6 as part of a larger effort to codify ODA's standards for agreements between AAAs and providers who are not providing services under a Medicaid-funded program (i.e., providers who are non-certified providers under section 173.392 of the Revised Code). This effort will bring ODA into compliance with section 173.392 of the Revised Code, Section 305 (a)(1)(C) of the Older Americans Act, and 45 C.F.R. 1321.11. The effort requires giving the rule a new rule number.

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

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