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Ted Strickland, Governor Barbara E. Riley, Director

NOTICE

ODA will conduct a public hearing to obtain comments concerning ODA's proposed amendment of rules regarding **transportation services**, as required by section 119.03 of the Revised Code. ODA will conduct the hearing on **Tuesday**, **August 11**, **2009** 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.

The Ohio Highway Patrol Inspection Unit and the Ohio Medical Transportation Board have informed ODA that they no longer want ODA to mention in its rules on transportation services that they are entities that ODA approves for conducting the annual vehicle inspections required under rules 173-3-06.6, 173-39-02.13, and 173-39-02.18 of the Administrative Code. Therefore, ODA is proposing to remove the references to them in each of the rules.

Additionally, ODA is proposing to replace "inspection was conducted" and "conducted the inspection" in the above three rules with "inspected it," which has the same meaning, but is shorter and does not bury the main verb "to inspect" beneath "to conduct." ODA is also replacing an occurrence of "provide" with "provider" in rules 173-39-02.13 and 173-39-02.18 of the Administrative Code.

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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