

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.

THE REHABILITATION SERVICES COMMISSION (RSC) OF THE STATE OF OHIO WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AT 10:00 A.M. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2008, IN RSC'S CLEVELAND/ZANESVILLE CONFERENCE ROOMS AT 400 EAST CAMPUS VIEW BLVD., COLUMBUS, OHIO. THIS SITE IS ACCESSIBLE. INTERPRETER SERVICE FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE HEARING IMPAIRMENTS AND GUIDE SERVICES WITHIN THE BUILDING WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PERSONS ATTENDING THE HEARING, IF SUCH SERVICES ARE REQUESTED AT LEAST FIVE DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING.

THIS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCES RSC'S INTENTION TO PROPOSE AMEND EXISTING RULES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 119. OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE. THE REASONS FOR FILING THE PROPOSED AMENDED RULES ARE TO: UPDATE THE METHOD OF APPROVAL FOR FINAL FILING OF RULES, UPDATE THE METHODS OF NOTICE OF COMMISSION MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS, CLARIFY RSC'S JURISDICTION OVER AUDIT FINDINGS AND THE TIMELINE FOR FILING OBJECTIONS TO SUCH FINDINGS, UPDATE A CLASSIFICATION OF MINORITY VENDORS, CLARIFY THE USE OF THIRD-PARTY PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES LISTED IN RSC FEE SCHEDULES, AND CODIFY THE VR CLOSURE PROCESS.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS HEARING IS TO PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY INTERESTED PERSON TO GIVE TESTIMONY FOR OR AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULES. TESTIMONY FOR THE PROPOSALS OR AGAINST THEM MAY

BE MADE EITHER AT THE PUBLIC HEARING OR IN WRITING TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING. QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RULES WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING, BUT MAY BE ADDRESSED TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING.

A COPY OF THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULES AND A COPY OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW, FREE OF CHARGE, AT THE RSC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE. A COPY OF THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULES AND A COPY OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE MAY BE OBTAINED BY WRITTEN REQUEST FROM: THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE OF THE REHABILITATION SERVICES COMMISSION, 400 EAST CAMPUS VIEW BLVD., COLUMBUS, OHIO 43235-4604. A FEE WILL BE CHARGED BUT WILL NOT EXCEED THE COST OF COPYING AND MAILING.

THE HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT, CHAPTER 119. OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

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