

AGENCY MEMORANDUM OF RESPONSE

TO: Ethan Wittkorn, Regulatory Policy Advocate

CC: Carrie Kuruc
Director of the Common Sense Initiative Office Ohio
Lieutenant Governor

FROM: Lisa Eschbacher
Deputy General Counsel
Ohio Department of Health

RE: Health Care Services (Pediatric Intensive Care Units)
(OAC Chapter Rule 3701-84-61 and -62)

DATE: October 21, 2019

Thank you for permission to go forward with Original Filing O.A.C. Rule 3701-84-61 and -62 with JCARR. This Ohio Department of Health (Department) package consists of of two amended rules. The package was submitted to the CSI Office on August 5, 2019 with the public comment period open through September 4, 2019. No comments were received during this time. These rules establish standards for pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) services and staffing. Amendments to the rules include updates to remove the requirement for a cardiovascular surgeon to be available at PICUs, to allow PICUs without cardiovascular surgery services and pediatric cardiac catheterization services to have transfer agreements to transport patients within 60 minutes to other PICUs to provide the necessary care, to allow PICUs to maintain a cardiovascular surgeon by contract or other arrangement, and to correct citations. The Department states that the proposed rules are necessary to establish safety and quality of care of health care services for Ohioans.