



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (Board), pursuant to Chapter 119, of the Ohio Revised Code, hereby gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of considering the adoption, amendment, and recession of rules.

The public hearing will be conducted on **Thursday, October 31, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts**, located at 77 South High Street, 19th Floor; Columbus, Ohio, 43215. The hearing will take place in **Room 1948** and continue until all parties in attendance have had an opportunity to be heard.

Oral or written testimony may be presented by any person affected by the proposed action.

The following rules are being proposed as amended rules:

4747-1-02: Definitions and interpretations

This rule specifies the definitions and interpretations for hearing aid fitting and hearing aid dealing in the state of Ohio. The public purpose of this rule is to ensure the terms and definitions for the scope of practice for hearing aid fitting and hearing aid dealing are clear to ensure consumer protection. The nature of the adverse impact from this rule will be minimal because these rules merely define terms for greater clarity to the rules under which the terms are referenced. There are no new regulations being proposed under the proposed amendments to this rule.

4753-6-01: Screening

This rule specifies the requirements for individuals licensed under Chapter 4753 performing audiology and speech-language pathology screenings. The public purpose of this rule is to ensure screenings are appropriately performed to identify consumers who are suspected of having communications disorders. The proposed amendment is clean-up in nature to replace the antiquated reference to "Public Health Council" which is no longer in existence under the Ohio Department of Health, to the agency's current name, "Ohio Public Health Advisory Board."

A copy of the proposed rules referenced above may be downloaded from the Register of Ohio at www.registerohio.state.oh.us. In addition, individuals may request a complete text of the proposed rules by contacting the Board office at the address and/or telephone number noted below. Requests may also be submitted via e-mail at Gregg.Thornton@shp.ohio.gov.



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All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. Those persons who wish to provide oral testimony at the hearing are encouraged to inform the Board prior to the hearing date and may be given preference in the order of testimony. **Individuals testifying in-person should bring 12 copies of their written testimony.**

Written testimony received by the Board by the close of business the day before the hearing is scheduled will be considered. Written testimony in lieu of oral testimony may be submitted by:

Written testimony via e-mail to Gregg.Thornton@shp.ohio.gov

Note: written testimony by e-mail must be received no later than one day prior to the hearing date.

Written testimony mailed to:

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

ATTN: Written Testimony for Rules Hearing

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Note: written testimony by mail must be received at the board office no later than one day prior to the hearing date. To ensure timely receipt of any written testimony, the Board recommends submitting testimony via e-mail, in lieu of mailing to the Board office.