



July 30, 2025

## Notice of Public Rules Hearing

**September 2, 2025 at 2:30pm**

In accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code (R.C.), the Director of the Ohio Department of Health announces a Public Hearing at the date and time listed above to hear comments regarding the following action:

### 3701-19 - Hospice Care Programs

Chapter 3701-19 regulates and provides for the licensure of hospice care programs in Ohio. A hospice care program is a coordinated program of home, outpatient, and inpatient care and services that is operated by a person or public agency and provides various types of care and services to hospice patients through a medically-directed interdisciplinary team for the purpose of meeting the physical, psychological, social, spiritual, and other special needs that are experienced during the final stages of illness, dying, and bereavement. The rules in this package concern definitions, licenses and licensure requirements, inspections, quality assessment and performance improvement, general requirements for hospice care programs, standards for inpatient hospice facilities, general requirements for hospice care program personnel, medical directors, interdisciplinary teams and interdisciplinary plans of care, contracted services, volunteer services, nursing services, medical social services, home care services, medical services, counseling and bereavement services, physical therapy services, occupational therapy services, speech therapy services, admission of patients, medical supplies, short-term inpatient care, central clinical records, and variances and waivers. The rules are amended to update language.

3701-54 - Critical Congenital Heart Disease - Chapter 3701-54 establishes standards and procedures for screening newborns for critical congenital heart disease (CCHD) prior to hospital discharge and specifies screening equipment and methods.

### Hearing and Contact Information:

**Information about the hearing, people affected by the proposed action may appear via teleconference and be heard or in tandem with an attorney. They may present their positions, arguments, or contentions orally or in writing; may offer witnesses; and may present evidence showing that the proposed rule, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful. To aid in getting the call to be organized and go as smooth as possible, any persons intending to testify on the tele-Public Hearing or planning to observe are encouraged to email [Alicyn.Carrel@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:Alicyn.Carrel@odh.ohio.gov) as soon as possible and no later than August 26, 2025 by 5pm.**

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**PUBLIC HEARING and the DATE of the Public Hearing in which you are testifying.**

**Copies of the proposed rules will be available on the Register of Ohio website:**

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Hospice Care Programs 3701-19 and Critical Congenital Heart Disease 3701-54

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