



October 14, 2025

Notice of Public Rules Hearing

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 2:30 PM

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:

3701-7 - Maternity Unit/Newborn Care Services/Hospital Licensure - These rules are to be rescinded and reorganized in the hospital licensure rules contained in OAC Chapter 3701-22 and contain various changes made as a part of their five-year review. These rules contain facility requirements, standards for maternity units and newborn care nurseries for level I, II, III, and IV services, requirements for freestanding children's hospitals with level III or level IV neonatal care services, newborn nutrition requirements, and recordkeeping requirements. These new rules contain changes that clarify the role or services of anesthesiologists, physician assistants, limited practical nurses, respiratory therapists, nurse leaders, nurse specialists, and nurse educators, clarify an employment requirement related to International Board-Certified Lactation Consultants, add requirements for the availability of lactation services, allow a level I obstetrical service to provide care to patients with preeclampsia under certain conditions, add education and assessment requirements, add follow-up or referral requirements, add transfer requirements related to the identification of infants at risk of retinopathy of prematurity, add language related to telephone or telehealth, add perinatal pathology service requirements, add staff training requirements, add education requirements, and add references.

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.

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 immediately.

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