

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: April 14, 2009
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: 8th FLOOR LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
246 N. HIGH STREET
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

In accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code (R.C.) and by authority of R.C. section 2133.25, the Director of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), or his designee, will conduct a public hearing to consider amending Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) rules 3701-62-01, 3701-62-04, 3701-62-06 and 3701-62-14. These rules pertain to Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Protocol, and they have been reviewed to comply with five year review deadlines.

ODH proposes to amend the rules to: 1) clarify the definition of cardiac arrest; 2) modify the definition of the DNR protocol to authorize non-resuscitative treatment in keeping with the patient's treatment plan; 3) remove the "of uniform size and design" requirement from DNR identification jewelry; and 4) add the requirement that an authorized healthcare professional ask patients of a health care facility prior to transfer or discharge, whether they wish to make another DNR declaration.

At the hearing, people affected by the proposed action may appear and be heard in person, by an attorney or both; may present their positions, arguments, or contentions orally or in writing; may offer witnesses; and may present evidence tending to show that the proposed rules, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful. Persons intending to testify are encouraged to pre-register by writing Kaye Norton, Office of the General Counsel, Ohio Department of Health, 246 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, by telephoning (614) 466-4882, or by e-mail to Kaye.norton@odh.ohio.gov.

Copies of the proposed rules are available on the Register of Ohio website (ODH has a link to that website at www.odh.ohio.gov/rules/pending.aspx) or from Ms. Norton. Please FAX [(614) 728-7813], mail, or e-mail any written comments to Ms. Norton by 5:00 p.m. on April 13, 2009.

March 9, 2009