

## MEMORANDUM

Date: October 20, 2015

To: Interested Parties

From: Selina G. Jackson, MPA, Office of Health Assurance and Licensing,  
Ohio Department of Health

Subject: Draft Amendments to Chapter 3701-83 of the Ohio Administrative Code (“Health Care Facilities Licensure”)

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The five year review of Chapter 3701-83 is due February 10, 2016. The rules set forth the requirements for licensed Health Care Facilities (“HCF”) in Ohio. These requirements include facilities, equipment, personnel, and service standards for ambulatory surgical facilities, freestanding dialysis centers, freestanding inpatient rehabilitation facilities, freestanding birthing centers, freestanding radiation therapy centers, freestanding or mobile diagnostic imaging centers, and freestanding birthing centers exempted from licensure under 3702.301 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Amendments to the rules include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Clarifying that ambulatory surgical facilities must designate an individual trained in infection control to direct the facility’s infection control program.
- 2) Including HCF’s policies relating to Do-Not-Resuscitate (DNR) orders as one of the policies that must be discussed with patients.
- 3) Incorporating language consistent with other ODH rule sets relating to record keeping systems to enable the Director to ascertain personnel license, certification, and registration requirements are met.
- 4) Establishing in rule the notice and documentation requirements for exempt birthing centers that are already in practice in the licensure program and the exempt birthing center communities.

Finally, numerous grammatical and formatting changes have been made to the rules to provide clarity of the licensure requirements and improve their ease of use for the business community. Rules 3701-83-01, -02, -05.2, -06, -20, -51, -56, and -59 are being recommended without changes.

Please review the draft amended rules and provide any comments you may have by **November 19, 2015** to the address below. Please include the words "Health Care Facilities" in the subject line of all comments sent via regular mail or e-mail. ODH will review and consider the comments received before the rule is submitted for formal rule proposal and adoption proceedings. Thank you.

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