



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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ACT SUMMARY

- Requires the Department of Health to create and make available on its website a Down syndrome information sheet.
- Requires specified health care professionals and facilities to provide a copy of the information sheet to patients under certain circumstances.
- Establishes language standards for signs containing the international symbol of access.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Down syndrome information sheet

The act requires the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to create and make available on its website a Down syndrome information sheet that includes all of the following:

(1) A description of Down syndrome, including its causes, effects on development, and potential complications;

(2) Diagnostic tests;

(3) Options for treatment and therapy;

(4) Contact information for local, state, and national organizations that provide Down syndrome educational and support services and programs.

ODH must periodically review and update the information sheet. With respect to the medical information included in the sheet, ODH must include only information that is current and based on medical evidence.¹

Health care professionals and facilities

If a patient under the care of any of the following health care professionals or facilities receives a test result indicating Down syndrome or a prenatal or postnatal diagnosis of Down syndrome, the professional or facility must provide the patient or the patient's representative a copy of the Down syndrome information sheet created by ODH:

(1) A physician;

(2) A certified nurse-midwife;

(3) A licensed genetic counselor;

(4) A hospital;

(5) A maternity unit, newborn care nursery, or maternity home;

(6) A freestanding birthing center.²

Access signs

The act states that whoever erects or replaces a sign containing the international symbol of access must use forms of the word "accessible" rather than forms of the word "handicapped" or "disabled" whenever words are included on the sign.³

¹ R.C. 3701.69(A).

² R.C. 3701.69(B).

³ R.C. 9.57.



The international symbol of access consists of a blue square overlaid in white with a stylized image of a person using a wheelchair.⁴

HISTORY

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| Rereported, S. Rules | 12-11-14 |
| Passed Senate (30-0) | 12-11-14 |
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⁴ Rehabilitation International, *Symbol of Access*, available at www.riglobal.org/symbol-of-access/, as cited in Wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Symbol_of_Access.

