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## DEPARTMENT OF AGING

- Beginning July 1, 2016, increases to \$350 (from \$300) the fee charged to certain long-term care facilities for the Ohio Long-term Care Consumer Guide.
- Changes (from 90 days to a period specified in rules) the period for which an applicant for the Medicaid-funded component of the PASSPORT program may participate in the state-funded component of the PASSPORT program.
- Makes a corresponding change to the period for which an individual may participate in the state-funded component of the Assisted Living Program.
- Repeals a provision that grants eligibility for the state-funded component of the PASSPORT program to an individual no longer eligible for the Medicaid-funded component of the PASSPORT program.
- Requires that the Medicaid-funded and state-funded components of the PASSPORT program cover consultation and assessment services provided by registered nurses and that payment rate for the services not be less than the payment rate for the services under the Ohio Home Care waiver program.
- Permits an individual enrolled in the Medicaid-funded component of the Assisted Living Program to choose a single occupancy room or, subject to an approval process to be established in rules, a multiple occupancy room.
- Makes technical corrections to statutory cross-references in the law governing the state-funded component of the PASSPORT and Assisted Living Programs.

### **Long-term Care Consumer Guide fee increase**

(R.C. 173.48)

Beginning July 1, 2016, the bill increases to \$350 (from \$300) the fee charged to long-term care facilities that are residential facilities for the Ohio Long-term Care Consumer Guide. The Guide is developed and published by the Department of Aging for individuals and their families to use in considering long-term care facility admission.<sup>17</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> R.C. 173.46, not in the bill.



## **State-funded component of PASSPORT**

(R.C. 173.522)

The bill changes the period of time for which an individual may participate in the state-funded component of the PASSPORT program, which provides home and community-based services as an alternative to nursing facility placement for eligible individuals who are aged and disabled. PASSPORT has both a Medicaid-funded component and a state-funded component.<sup>18</sup> Currently, an applicant for the Medicaid-funded component of PASSPORT may participate in the state-funded component for 90 days. The bill changes that period to a period to be specified by the Director of Aging in rules.

The bill also repeals a provision in current law that provides state-funded component eligibility to an individual who is no longer eligible for the Medicaid-funded component of PASSPORT but still needs home and community based services to protect the individual's health and safety.

## **PASSPORT coverage of certain nurse services**

(R.C. 173.525)

The bill requires the Medicaid-funded and state-funded components of the PASSPORT program to cover consultation and assessment services provided by registered nurses. The payment rate for the services must not be less than the payment rate for the services under the Ohio Home Care program. The Ohio Home Care program is a Medicaid waiver program administered by the Department of Medicaid.

## **State-funded component of Assisted Living Program**

(R.C. 173.543)

The bill changes the period of time for which an individual may participate in the state-funded component of the Assisted Living Program. Current law provides for an Assisted Living Program to deliver assisted living services to eligible individuals. The Program consists of a Medicaid-funded component and a state-funded component.<sup>19</sup> Eligible individuals may participate in the state-funded component for up to 90 days. The bill instead requires the Director to adopt rules specifying how long an individual may participate in the state-funded component.

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<sup>18</sup> R.C. 173.51, not in the bill.

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## **Medicaid-funded component of Assisted Living Program**

(R.C. 173.548)

The bill permits an individual enrolled in the Medicaid-funded component of the Assisted Living Program to choose a single occupancy room or multiple occupancy room in the residential care facility in which the individual resides. The choice of a multiple occupancy room is to be subject to approval pursuant to a process that the bill requires the Director of Aging to establish in rules.

## **Technical correction**

(R.C. 173.523, 173.544, and 173.545)

The bill makes technical corrections to statutory cross-references in the law governing the state-funded component of the PASSPORT and Assisted Living Programs.

