
DEPARTMENT OF AGING

- Permits the Department of Aging to require non-Medicaid providers to be certified by the Department as a condition of payment for services provided under programs the Department administers.
- Applies existing certification and payment provisions to providers of any services, not just community-based long-term care services.
- Authorizes the Department to develop and offer training programs to area agencies on aging, long-term care facilities and providers, and other interested parties.

Certification of providers

(R.C. 173.39, 173.391, 173.392, and 173.393)

The bill permits the Department of Aging to require non-Medicaid providers to be certified by the Department as a condition of payment for services provided under programs the Department administers. If the Department does not require certification, the provider must continue to comply with existing law that requires the provider to have a contract or grant agreement with the Department to provide the services. As under current law, providers of services under the PASSPORT program and Assisted Living program must be certified as a condition of payment.

The bill applies existing certification and payment provisions applicable to community-based long-term care services to any services provided under a program the Department administers. This extends existing criminal records check requirements to additional providers.¹⁰

Training programs

(R.C. 173.012)

The bill authorizes the Department to develop and offer training programs to area agencies on aging, long-term care facilities, providers of long-term care services, and other interested parties. The Department may charge a fee for the training and use fees collected to develop and offer additional training programs. The fees must be deposited into the Senior Community Outreach Fund, which the bill creates.

¹⁰ R.C. 173.38, not in the bill.