

Public Notice

House Bill 470 of the 131st General Assembly requested that the Ohio Departments of Health and Aging submit recommendations for the “establishment of standards and procedures for the operation of memory care units in Ohio, as well as quality of care metrics to be used in measuring the performance of such units.”

Memory care units, also called dementia care units in some states, were formerly referred to as Alzheimer’s care units. The change in terminology reflects an understanding that there are different kinds of dementias that may irreversibly affect an individual’s memory and ability to think, reason, speak and move. These units care for individuals with a wide variety of symptoms and diseases whose evolving needs and wellbeing must be considered when developing standards and procedures. Ensuring that memory care units provide the highest quality of life and quality of care in the most cost-effective manner is a timely and important endeavor.

As part of this work, the Ohio Council for Cognitive Health, with the authority of the state agencies, will hold six professional stakeholder meetings to gather provider perspectives and insights.

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Alzheimer’s Association
Miami Valley Chapter
31 W. Whipp Rd.
Dayton, OH 45459

Thursday, Sept. 14, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Alzheimer’s Association
Cincinnati Chapter
644 Linn Street Suite 1026
Cincinnati, OH 45203

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 12-1:30 p.m.

Alzheimer’s Association
Greater East Chapter
70 W. Streetsboro St. Suite 201
Hudson, OH 44236

Monday, Sept. 25, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Alzheimer’s Association
Cleveland Chapter
23215 Commerce Park Drive, Suite 300
Beachwood, OH 44122

Thursday Sept. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Alzheimer’s Association
Northwest Chapter
2500 North Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43615-2820

Friday, Sept. 29, 9-11 a.m.

Alzheimer’s Association
Central Ohio Chapter
1379 Dublin Road
Columbus, OH 43215

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