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Rule 173-6-05 Golden buckeye program: business participation agreements.

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(A) To begin participating in the golden buckeye program, a business shall complete a business participation agreement ("agreement") on https://aging.ohio.gov/about-us/learn-about-golden-buckeye/become-a-golden-buckeye-participating-business/become-a-golden-buckeye-participating-business↗ to apply.

(1) To complete the agreement, the business shall provide all the following information: business contact information, indication of whether the business has parking for a person with a disability, forms of payment the business accepts, general business classification (e.g., pet store), benefit or discount to be offered to cardholders, exclusions and limitations, and acknowledgment of the following statements:

"I, the undersigned, on behalf of the above named business, voluntarily enter into this good faith agreement with the Ohio Department of Aging (the department) to honor the Golden Buckeye card (the card) for products and services provided to eligible Ohioans (those age 60 or older and those 18 and older who have total and permanent disabilities). We agree to make no change in the regular price for goods and services before honoring the card."

"We understand that acceptance in the Golden Buckeye Program (program) does not imply an endorsement of our business by the department or the program of our products or services and we will not use Golden Buckeye logos and names to imply such an endorsement."

"We understand that our participation in the program is effective upon approval of this agreement by the department. We also acknowledge that this agreement remains in effect unless canceled by us (by sending a cancellation to the department by writing, telephone, or https://aging.ohio.gov/about-us/learn-about-golden-buckeye/become-a-golden-buckeye-participating-business/become-a-golden-buckeye-participating-business↗ or by the department and that violation of the above terms may result in automatic removal from the program."

(2) If a business with multiple locations intends to offer uniform benefits or discounts at each location, the business shall complete one agreement to represent all locations.

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(3) If a business with multiple locations does not intend to offer uniform benefits or discounts at each location, the business shall complete a separate agreement for each location.

(B) After a business submits an agreement, AGE shall determine if the business may participate in the golden buckeye program. If AGE agrees to allow the business to participate in the program, AGE shall also determine the business's effective date for participating in the program.

(C) A business may revise any information provided to AGE by completing a revised agreement on https://aging.ohio.gov/about-us/learn-about-golden-buckeye/become-a-golden-buckeye-participating-business/become-a-golden-buckeye-participating-business↗ or by emailing GoldenBuckeyeProgram@age.ohio.gov.

(D) A business may cancel its participation in the golden buckeye program at any time and for any reason by sending a cancellation to AGE by writing, telephone, or https://aging.ohio.gov/about-us/learn-about-golden-buckeye/become-a-golden-buckeye-participating-business/become-a-golden-buckeye-participating-business↗ or by emailing GoldenBuckeyeProgram@age.ohio.gov.

(E) AGE may cancel a business's participation in the golden buckeye program at any time and for any lawful reason. In such a case, AGE shall notify the business of the cancellation.