



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3701-17-26 Variances.

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(A) The director may grant a variance from the standards of rules 3701-17-01 to 3701-17-26 of the Administrative Code as will not be contrary to the public interest, where the operator shows that because of practical difficulties or other special conditions, their strict application will cause unusual and unnecessary hardship. However, no variance will be granted:

(1) That will defeat the spirit and general intent of these rules, adversely affect the health or safety of the residents, or otherwise not be in the public interest; or

(2) For a standard that is mandated by statute.

(B) A request for a variance from the standards of rules 3701-17-01 to 3701-17-26 of the Administrative Code will be made in writing to the director, specifying the following:

(1) The rule standards for which the variance is requested;

(2) The time period for which the variance is requested;

(3) The specific alternative action which the nursing home proposes;

(4) The reason for the request; and

(5) An explanation of the anticipated effect granting of the variance will have on residents.

(C) The director will notify the operator, in writing, of the director's determination regarding a variance request. The director may establish conditions that the nursing home will meet for a variance to be operative, a time frame for which the variance will be effective, or both.

(D) The director will notify the operator, in writing, of the director's determination to revoke a



granted variance. The director may revoke a variance if the director determines that:

- (1) The variance is adversely affecting the health and safety of the residents;
 - (2) The nursing home has failed to comply with the variance as granted;
 - (3) The operator or administrator notified the department that the owner or administrator wishes to relinquish the variance; or
 - (4) The variance conflicts with a statutory change thus rendering the variance invalid.
- (E) The refusal of the director to grant or revoke a variance or waiver, in whole or in part, will be final and not be construed as creating any rights to a hearing under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.
- (F) A variance or waiver approved by the director does not serve as precedent for other variance or waiver requests.