Ohio Revised Code
Section 173.546 Needs assessments.
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(A) Each applicant for the assisted living program shall undergo an assessment to determine whether the applicant needs an intermediate level of care. The department of medicaid or an agency under contract pursuant to division (C) of this section shall conduct the assessment. The assessment may be performed concurrently with a long-term care consultation provided under section 173.42 of the Revised Code.

(B) An applicant or applicant's representative has the right to appeal an assessment's findings. Section 5160.31 of the Revised Code applies to appeals regarding the medicaid-funded component of the assisted living program. The department or an agency under contract to conduct the assessment shall provide written notice of this right to the applicant or applicant's representative and the residential care facility in which the applicant intends to reside if enrolled in the assisted living program. The notice shall include an explanation of the appeal procedures. The department or agency under contract to conduct the assessment shall represent the state in any appeal of an assessment's findings.

(C) The department may contract with one or more agencies to perform assessments under this section. A contract shall specify the agency's responsibilities regarding the assessments.