Ohio Revised Code
Section 5155.31 Closing of home - subsequent care.
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(A) As used in this section, "county nursing home" means a facility that is owned and operated by the county or, if the board of county commissioners has transferred operational authority of the county home to a board of county hospital trustees, is operated by the board of county hospital trustees and that is used for the reception and care of individuals who by reason of illness or physical or mental impairment require skilled nursing care and of individuals who require personal assistance, as "mental impairment," "skilled nursing care," and "personal assistance" are defined in section 3721.01 of the Revised Code.

(B) Whenever the buildings of a county home or a county nursing home have become unsuitable for habitation, or whenever the population of a county home or a county nursing home is too small for economical and efficient operation, or for any other reason made of record, the board of county commissioners may close the home or sell it to a third party, and provide for the care of its residents and of other persons afterwards determined eligible for county care by housing them in another county home, a home licensed under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code, or private homes within the county that the board considers proper, and upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the boards of the respective counties.

(C) Whenever the board of county commissioners closes a county home or a county nursing home pursuant to division (B) of this section, the board may lease the county home to an individual, partnership, firm, association, or corporation for the establishment of a home licensed under Chapter 3721. of the Revised Code. Any lease granted under this division and any renewals of it shall not be for a longer period than five years. The form of any lease shall be approved by the prosecuting attorney.