



# Ohio Board of Nursing

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Dear Interested Party:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a participating facility for the Medication Aide Pilot Program (Pilot Program). The Pilot Program will be effective from May 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. The application for participation in the Pilot Program is available on the Ohio Board of Nursing (Board) web site at [www.nursing.ohio.gov](http://www.nursing.ohio.gov).

House Bill 66, signed by the Governor on June 30, 2005, created a Pilot Program for the use of certified medication aides in nursing homes and residential care facilities. While the program is to be conducted initially as a pilot, the use of certified medication aides in nursing homes and residential care facilities will continue following the Pilot Program period absent action by the General Assembly. Under House Bill 66, the Board is responsible for regulatory oversight, including establishing the Pilot Program, certifying medication aides and approving medication aide training programs.

An Advisory Council, whose members include representatives of nursing, nursing homes, residential care facilities, and residents/families, has worked with the Board to establish administrative rules for the certified medication aide program. Facilities participating in the Pilot Program will be required to comply with the rules and the statutory requirements. You can access the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules 4723-27-01 through 4723-27-14, as filed on February 7, 2006 and a copy of House Bill 66 on the Board web site.

All information on the application, pursuant to the rules, will be considered by the Board and must be submitted for the facility to be considered for selection as a Pilot Program participant. The law provides that a maximum of eighty nursing homes and forty residential care facilities may participate in the Pilot Program. The Board is required to conduct an evaluation of the pilot and submit a report of its findings to the General Assembly by March 1, 2007.

The participation fee for a Pilot Program facility is \$1,935 and is due within ten business days **after** the Board notifies you that your facility has been selected to participate in the Pilot Program. Payment must be made to the Board in the form of a check or money order, payable to "Treasurer State of Ohio." Please submit the completed Pilot Program application and attachments to: *Ohio Board of Nursing, CMA Pilot Program, 17 South High Street, Suite 400, Columbus, OH 43215-7410.*

On behalf of the Board, thank you for your interest. If you have questions or need additional information, please e-mail the Board at [medicationaides@nursing.ohio.gov](mailto:medicationaides@nursing.ohio.gov)