

173-39-05**ODA provider certification: disciplinary actions.**

(A) Introduction: Pursuant to section 173.391 of the Revised Code, ODA or its designee may impose disciplinary action against an ODA-certified provider (provider) for good cause, including misfeasance, malfeasance, nonfeasance, confirmed abuse or neglect, financial irresponsibility, or other conduct ODA determines is injurious, or poses a threat, to the health or safety of individuals being served.

(B) Disciplinary actions by ODA's designee:

(1) Disciplinary actions imposed by ODA's designee may include any one or more of the following:

(a) Plan of correction: ODA's designee may require the provider to provide a plan of correction with all areas of non-compliance within seven days after the disciplinary action is imposed.

(b) Evidence of compliance: ODA's designee may require the provider to provide evidence of compliance according to the following deadlines:

(i) Health or safety: If the non-compliance is injurious or poses a threat to the health or safety of individuals being served, the provider shall submit evidence of compliance within five business days after the disciplinary action is imposed.

(ii) Non health or safety: If the non-compliance is not injurious or poses no threat to the health or safety of individuals being served, the provider shall submit evidence of compliance within sixty days after the disciplinary action is imposed.

(c) Suspending referrals: ODA's designee may cease to refer individuals to the provider until ODA's designee determines the provider complies with all requirements in this chapter.

(2) When ODA's designee imposes a disciplinary action, it shall do the following:

(a) Notify the provider of the disciplinary action via encrypted email or mail.

(b) Send an encrypted email to ODA (Provider Network Mgmt@age.ohio.gov) with a copy of the disciplinary action attached.

(c) Complete the required fields in ODA's provider information management system related to the disciplinary action.

(d) Document in ODA's provider information management system anytime it grants an extension to the deadlines in paragraph (B)(1)(a) or (B)(1)(b) of this rule.

(3) ODA's designee shall not impose subsequent disciplinary actions against a provider related to the same conduct as a pending disciplinary action.

(4) ODA reserves the right to require ODA's designee to rescind or modify any pending disciplinary action.

(C) Disciplinary actions imposed by ODA:

(1) ODA may impose any discipline authorized in section 173.391 of the Revised Code, including the following:

(a) Plan of correction.

(b) Evidence of compliance.

(c) Suspension of referrals.

(d) Removal of clients.

(e) Fiscal sanctions, including a civil monetary penalty or an order that unearned funds be repaid.

(f) Suspension of certification.

(g) Permanent revocation of certification.

(h) Another disciplinary action.

(2) ODA may consider any one or more of the following when imposing disciplinary action:

(a) Whether the conduct is injurious or poses a threat to the health or safety of individuals being served.

(b) The provider's previous disciplinary history.

(c) Any other factors ODA may consider relevant.

(D) A provider is entitled to a hearing under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code if authorized pursuant to section 173.391 of the Revised Code.

(E) To request a hearing under Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, the provider shall request a hearing within thirty days after the mailing date of the notice.

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