

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on proposed changes to the following rule:

O.A.C. 5122-34-01 – Clinician loan repayment (currently entitled “Physician loan repayment”)

OhioMHAS is undertaking the five-year review process for rule 5122-34-01. Due to amendments to R.C. 5119.185 enacted by H.B. 166 of the 133rd of the General Assembly, OhioMHAS is proposing to change this rule to expand its existing physician loan repayment program for physicians working in its regional psychiatric hospitals to also cover advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants working in those hospitals.

The public hearing will be held at 11 am on Thursday, March 7, 2024, in Room 3602 of the Rhodes State Office Tower located at 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 36th Floor. You may also access the hearing through Microsoft Teams using meeting ID 293 135 607 68 and passcode 5xTH8E. At this hearing, OhioMHAS will accept verbal and written testimony on the rules under consideration.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code. Any person affected by the rules may appear and be heard in person, by his or her attorney, or both; may present his or her position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing; offer and examine witnesses; and present evidence tending to show that the rules, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

To obtain a copy of this rule, please visit the Register of Ohio: www.registerofohio.state.oh.us. Alternatively, the proposed changes will be available within 24 hours on OhioMHAS's pending rules web site at <<https://mha.ohio.gov/rules-and-regulations/rules/pending-rules/pending-rules>> under the "clinician loan repayment" link.

Persons may also submit written testimony in lieu of appearing at the public hearing. Written testimony sent by mail must be postmarked no later than the day of the hearing. Written testimony transmitted by email must be received no later than 5 pm on the day of the hearing. Written testimony may be mailed to: Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction

Services, Division of Legal Services, Attention: Lisa Musielewicz, 30 East Broad Street, 36th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3430; or emailed to MH-SOT-CLR-rules@mha.ohio.gov.

Microsoft Teams link for rule hearing - [Click here to join the meeting](#)