

**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 the following new, proposed rules:

O.A.C. 5122-14-12.1 – Gender transition care.

O.A.C. 5122-26-19 – Gender transition care.

Rule	Summary
O.A.C. 5122-14-12.1	Rule 5122-14-12.1 prohibits private psychiatric hospitals from delivering certain gender transition services unless specified standards are met.
O.A.C. 5122-26-19	Rule 5122-26-19 prohibits community behavioral health services providers from delivering certain gender transition services unless specified standards are met.

The public hearing will be held at **10 am on Monday, March 18, 2024**, in the Lobby Hearing Room of the Rhodes State Office Tower located at 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. The Lobby Hearing Room is immediately adjacent to the security check point near the building entrance. Please bring photo identification and plan to arrive with enough time to go through security and fill out a witness slip. If you have your testimony in writing, OhioMHAS requests that you bring a copy of it for our staff.

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, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

To obtain copies of these rules, please visit the Register of Ohio:

<https://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/>. Alternatively, they 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>.

Persons may also submit written testimony in lieu of appearing at the public hearing. Written testimony sent by mail must be postmarked not later than March 18, 2024. Written testimony transmitted by email must be received not later than 5 pm on March 18, 2024. 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-GTC2-rules@mha.ohio.gov.