

## **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 proposed rescission of the following rules pertaining to OhioMHAS's six regional psychiatric hospitals:

O.A.C. 5122-2-01 – Applicability

O.A.C. 5122-2-03 – Chief executive officer as representative payee

O.A.C. 5122-2-04 – Client complaint and grievance procedure for regional psychiatric hospital inpatient services

O.A.C. 5122-2-10 – Tuberculosis control program

O.A.C. 5122-2-12 – Regional psychiatric hospital (RPH) inpatient assessment, treatment planning and discharge planning

O.A.C. 5122-2-13 – Medication practices in regional psychiatric hospitals

O.A.C. 5122-2-17 – Seclusion and restraint use in regional psychiatric hospitals

O.A.C. 5122-2-18 – Use of mechanical supports in regional psychiatric hospitals

O.A.C. 5122-2-25 – Morbidity and mortality events

OhioMHAS is undertaking the five-year review process for rules related to regional psychiatric hospitals in O.A.C. chapter 5122-2. Through this process, OhioMHAS has determined that these rules pertain to the day-to-day staff procedures and operations within an agency (specifically, OhioMHAS's six regional psychiatric hospitals). Thus, they are internal management rules. Consistent with the desire of the Common Sense Initiative Office to reduce the number of rules in the Ohio Administrative Code, OhioMHAS has decided to move the content of all rules in O.A.C. chapter 5122-2 to agency policy.

The public hearing will be held at 3 pm on Monday, April 1, 2024, in Room 3602 of the Rhodes State Office Tower located at 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 36<sup>th</sup> Floor. You may also access the hearing through Microsoft Teams using meeting ID 244 842 246 064 and passcode rQfeeD. 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 these rules, please visit the Register of Ohio:

[www.registerofohio.state.oh.us](http://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> under the "OhioMHAS regional psychiatric hospitals" 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, 36<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3430; or emailed to [MH-SOT-RPH-rules@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:MH-SOT-RPH-rules@mha.ohio.gov).

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