

Hearing Date: 12/16/2019

Today's Date: 1/13/2020

Agency: Ohio Department of Medicaid

Rule Number(s): 5160-1-17.8

If no comments at the hearing, please check the box. ☐

List organizations or individuals giving or submitting testimony before, during or after the public hearing and indicate the rule number(s) in question.

1. Ohio Community Corrections Association (OCCA), Mike Randle
2. Ohio Alliance of Recovery Providers (OARP), Thomas Stuber
3. The Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers, Teresa Lamp
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Hearing Report and Summary

Consolidated Summary of Comments Received

Please review all comments received and complete a consolidated summary paragraph of the comments and indicate the rule number(s).

5160-1-17.8; The Association supports the rule and provided four reasons for that support including removal of financial and administrative barriers for their employees and ODM's respect for the professional reviews conducted on their employees.

5160-1-17.8; The Alliance supports the rule and provided three reasons for that support including removal of financial and administrative barriers for their employees which helps to address the behavioral healthcare worker shortage and ODM's reliance on the professional reviews conducted by the applicable boards and OhioMHAS for certification or licensure on their employees.

5160-1-17.8; The Ohio Council supports the proposed changes, but the current language continues to exclude a small sub-set of practitioners that are either certified by OhioMHAS or licensed by the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board or Ohio Chemical Dependency Professional Board due to a set of permanent exclusions with no opportunity for appeal or exception. The Council states that these exclusions are inconsistent with the permanent exclusion established by OhioMHAS for peer recovery support certification or the relevant licensure board licensure process. The Ohio Council is appreciative of ODM's continued discussions regarding this issue and is supportive of the current rule moving forward.

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Incorporated Comments into Rule(s)

Indicate how comments received during the hearing process were incorporated into the rule(s).
If no comments were incorporated, explain why not.

As both OCCA and OARP support the rule as it is written, no action was taken by ODM.

The Ohio Council's comments concerning the small subset of practitioners have started a process of review where ODM reached out to the relevant licensure and certification boards in order to review their screening processes for these highest level of offenses to ensure that federal screening requirements are met. Changes to the rule are not being incorporated at this time in order to not delay the other significant changes made to the rule for the majority of practitioners and to allow ODM time to complete the full analysis.