

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) hereby gives notice of its intent to amend, rescind and/or adopt the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules as identified below and to conduct a public hearing thereon.

Certification Standards for Community Mental Health Agencies

5122-24-01 Definitions (Amend)

This rule includes the definitions used in Ohio Administrative Code chapters 5122-29-25 to 5122-29-29.

This rule is being amended to remove duplicate definitions contained elsewhere, definitions no longer utilized and to reflect that providers now contract with the Ohio Medicaid agency for Medicaid services.

5122-25-02 Accreditation requirements (Amend)

This rule lists the mental health services which currently require national behavioral health accreditation as a condition of ODMH certification, and contains rules to implement this program..

The rule is being amended to include Intensive Home-Based Treatment in the list of services, and to offer providers a choice in seeking accreditation prior to applying for ODMH certification, rather than making this a mandate. The name of the rule is being amended to reflect the content changes.

5122-29-17 Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment (CPST) Service (Amend)

This rule contains the standards for this Medicaid approved community-based mental health service.

The rule is being amended to remove the list of eligible providers/supervisors, which is contained in rule 5122-29-30, in order to be consistent with other ODMH service standard rules in Chapter 5122-29..

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5122-29-28 Intensive Home-Based Treatment (IHBT) Service (Amend)

This rule describes short-term, intensive mental health services to a child and his/her family with a goal of preventing out-of-home placement, or to facilitate returning a child to a home.

The rule is being amended to revise the description and activities which comprise IHBT service.

5122-29-30 Eligible Providers and Supervisors (Amend)

This rule contains the individuals permitted by scope of practice to perform ODMH certified services, and related definitions and information. The rule is being amended to remove duplicative providers, include additional providers eligible to provide and/or supervise Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment (CPST) service and remove providers not eligible for Medicaid reimbursement. The eligible providers of IHBT service is being amended in accordance with Ohio scope of practice requirements based on the amended service standards and to reflect evidenced-based models upon which the rule is based..

A public hearing on the proposed rules will be held on **Friday, May 17, 2013**, beginning at **10:30** am, continuing until all persons in attendance have had an opportunity to testify. The hearing will be held in **Room 3688 of the Rhodes State Office Tower located at 30 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, 36**th **FL**. At this hearing, ODMH will accept verbal and/or written testimony on the proposed rules under consideration.

Persons may also submit written testimony via mail/e-mail. Any written comments received or postmarked on or before the public hearing date will be treated as testimony. Submittal of written comments may be made to Janel M. Pequignot, Chief, Standards Development and Administrative Rules, by e-mail to Janel.Pequignot@mh.ohio.gov; by fax to 614-752-9453; or by mail to 30 East Broad Street, 8th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3430.

Copies of these rules are available for review at the Register of Ohio website: www.registerofohio.state.oh.us or the ODMH website http://mentalhealth.ohio.gov/what-we-do/protect-and-monitor/licensure-and-certification/rules/index.shtml (Follow link to "Pending Rules"). A request for a copy of the proposed rules may also be submitted by mail to Janel M. Pequignot, Chief, Standards Development and Administrative Rules, 30 East Broad Street, 7th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3430 or by e-mail to Janel.Pequignot@mh.ohio.gov.