TITLE 450. DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES CHAPTER 1. ADMINISTRATION

PROPOSED RULES:

Chapter 1. Administration

1. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PURPOSE OF THE RULE:

The proposed rule revisions to Chapter 1 add new language to establish criteria, guidelines, and procedures for the disbursement of funds from the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Fund. Revisions also include clean-up changes, including definitions.

2. A DESCRIPTION OF THE CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO MOST LIKELY WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED RULE, INCLUDING CLASSES THAT WILL BEAR THE COST OF THE PROPOSED RULE, AND ANY INFORMATION ON COST IMPACTS RECEIVED BY THE AGENCY FROM ANY PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTITIES:

Individuals pursuing education in a behavioral health field, behavioral health professionals working in the state, and behavioral health organizations are mostly likely to be affected by the proposed rule.

3. A DESCRIPTION OF THE CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROPOSED RULE:

Individuals pursuing education in a behavioral health field, behavioral health professionals working in the state, and behavioral health organizations are mostly likely to benefit from the proposed rule.

4. A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROBABLE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED RULE UPON THE AFFECTED CLASSES OF PERSONS OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING A LISTING OF ALL FEE CHANGES AND, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, A SEPARATE JUSTIFICATION FOR EACH FEE CHANGE:

ODMHSAS anticipates a positive economic impact for those affected, as the proposed rule establishes loan repayment and tuition assistance for eligible individuals.

5. THE PROBABLE COSTS AND BENEFITS TO THE AGENCY AND TO ANY OTHER AGENCY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE, THE SOURCE OF REVENUE TO BE USED FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE, AND ANY ANTICIPATED EFFECT ON STATE REVENUES, INCLUDING A PROJECTED NET LOSS OR GAIN IN SUCH REVENUE IF IT CAN BE PROJECTED BY THE AGENCY:

ODMHSAS has determined that there is no probable cost to ODMHSAS or other agencies expected as a result of the proposed rules, nor is there an anticipated effect on State revenues.

6. A DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED RULE WILL HAVE AN ECONOMIC IMPACT ON ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OR REQUIRE THEIR COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING THE RULE:

ODMHSAS does not anticipate these rules will have an economic impact upon any political subdivision, or require their cooperation to implement or enforce the proposed rule revision.

7. A DETERMINATION OF WHETHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSED RULE WILL HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS AS PROVIDED BY THE OKLAHOMA SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT:

ODMHSAS has determined these rule revisions will not have an adverse economic impact on small businesses.

8. AN EXPLANATION OF THE MEASURES THE AGENCY HAS TAKEN TO MINIMIZE COMPLIANCE COSTS AND A DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THERE ARE LESS COSTLY OR NON-REGULATORY METHODS OR LESS INTRUSIVE METHODS FOR ACHIEVING THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

Throughout the year ODMHSAS staff evaluate internal processes and amend those processes and rules according to identified needs. ODMHSAS considers these revisions the least burdensome and intrusive method in streamlining these processes.

9. A DETERMINATION OF THE EFFECT OF THE PROPOSED RULE ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT AND, IF THE PROPOSED RULE IS DESIGNED TO REDUCE SIGNIFICANT RISKS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT, AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE RISK AND TO WHAT EXTENT THE PROPOSED RULE WILL REDUCE THE RISK.

ODMHSAS does not anticipate a significant effect of the proposed rule on the public health and safety.

10. A DETERMINATION OF ANY DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT IF THE PROPOSED RULE IS NOT IMPLEMENTED.

ODMHSAS does not anticipate any detrimental effects on the public health, safety, or environment if the proposed rule is not implemented.

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