

**TITLE 310. OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CHAPTER 661. HOSPICE**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking.

PROPOSED RULES:

Subchapter 1. General Provisions
310:661-1-2 [AMENDED]
Subchapter 5. Client services
310:661-5-2.1 [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

310:661-1-2. Definitions are being amended to include definitions for "marriage and family therapist" and "mental health counselor."

310:661-5-2.1 is being amended to add marriage and family therapists and mental health counselors to the hospice interdisciplinary group.

AUTHORITY:

Commissioner of Health, Title 63 O.S. § 1-104.

COMMENT PERIOD:

November 1, 2024 through December 2, 2024. Interested persons may informally discuss the proposed rules with the contact person identified below; or may, through December 2, 2024, submit written comment to the contact person identified below, or may, at the hearing, ask to present written or oral views.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 303(A), the public hearing for the proposed rulemaking in this chapter shall be on December 3, 2024 at the Oklahoma State Department of Health Auditorium, 123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The meeting may adjourn earlier if all attendees who signed up to comment have completed giving their comments. The alternate date and time in the event of an office closure due to inclement weather is December 5, 2024 in the Auditorium, from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Those wishing to present oral comments should be present at that time to register to speak. The hearing will close at the conclusion of those registering to speak. Interested persons may attend for the purpose of submitting data, views or concerns, orally or in writing, about the rule proposal described and summarized in this Notice. Validated parking will be provided for the parking lot located at the east corner of Broadway and Robert S. Kerr Avenue, subject to availability.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

Business entities affected by these proposed rules are requested to provide the agency with information, in dollar amounts if possible, on the increase in the level of direct costs such as fees, and indirect costs such as reporting, recordkeeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss, or other costs expected to be incurred by a particular entity due to compliance with the proposed rule. Business entities may submit this information in writing through December 2, 2024, to the contact person identified below.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

The proposed rules may be obtained for review from the contact person identified below or via the agency website at www.ok.gov/health.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S., § 303(D), a rule impact statement is available through the contact person identified below or via the agency website at www.ok.gov/health.

CONTACT PERSON:

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