Title 450. Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Rule Impact Statement – Chapter 18 Revisions

A. Purpose of the proposed rule and legal authority.

The proposed revisions allow the use of ODMHSAS approved adolescent assessment tools in place of the T-ASI and clarify that Chapter 18 certified providers may offer gambling disorder treatment services as part of their substance-related and addictive disorder treatment programs.

The legal authorities for the proposed rules are Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; 43A O.S., §§ 3-306, 3-306.1, 3-317, 3-322, 3-322a, 3-415, and 3-416.

B. Description of the proposed rule.

The proposed revisions replace the reference to the Teen Addiction Severity Index (T-ASI) with broader language allowing the use of ODMHSAS approved adolescent assessment tools. The revisions also clarify that providers certified under Chapter 18 may provide gambling disorder treatment services as part of a substance-related and addictive disorder treatment program.

C. Classification of the rule(s) and justification for classification.

Classification: ☐ Major ☒ Nonmajor

Justification: The proposed changes are expected to be budget neutral.

Total annual implementation and compliance costs: The annual implementation and compliance costs are not expected to be incurred or passed along because of promulgation of the proposed permanent rules.

Methodology used to calculate costs: The proposed changes are expected to be budget neutral because they do not add or make any changes to covered services or reimbursement. The proposed rules clarify existing requirements for gambling disorder treatment services and approved adolescent assessment tools.

D. Description of affected classes of persons most likely to be impacted by the proposed rule.

The proposed revisions will primarily impact ODMHSAS certified providers under Chapter 18 who provide substance-related and addictive disorder treatment services, as well as adolescents receiving assessment services and individuals receiving gambling disorder treatment services.

E. Description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rule.

The proposed rules will benefit ODMHSAS certified Chapter 18 providers with greater flexibility in selecting approved adolescent assessment tools and clarification regarding

the provision of gambling disorder treatment services. Individuals receiving these services may also benefit from improved access to appropriate assessments and treatment.

F. Comprehensive analysis of the rules' economic impact.

The proposed rules are expected to be budget neutral and will not have an economic impact.

G. Probable costs and benefits to the ODMHSAS and other agencies.

The proposed revisions are expected to be budget neutral, with no additional costs to ODMHSAS or other state agencies. The revisions will provide greater flexibility in the use of approved adolescent assessment tools and clarify existing requirements for gambling disorder treatment services.

H. Economic impact on political subdivisions and whether their cooperation is required.

The proposed changes are not expected to have an economic impact on any political subdivisions and will not require their cooperation for implementing or enforcing these rules.

I. Economic impact on small businesses.

The proposed revisions are not expected to have an economic impact on small businesses, as they clarify existing requirements and provide greater flexibility in the use of approved adolescent assessment tools.

J. Measures taken to minimize compliance and assessment of less costly, less intrusive, or nonregulatory alternatives.

The proposed revisions minimize compliance burdens by replacing the reference to the T-ASI with broader language allowing ODMHSAS approved adolescent assessment tools, reducing potential legal concerns associated with the use of a proprietary assessment. The revisions also clarify certification requirements for providers offering both substance use disorder and gambling disorder treatment services to reduce confusion, inconsistent interpretation, and potential compliance challenges. These changes are intended to provide greater flexibility without imposing additional requirements on providers.

K. Effect of the rule on public health, safety, and the environment.

The proposed revisions are expected to have a positive impact on public health and safety by providing greater flexibility in adolescent assessments and clarifying requirements for gambling disorder treatment services.

L. Determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety and environment if the proposed rule(s) is/are not implemented.

The ODMHSAS anticipates that if the proposed revisions are not implemented, providers may continue to face limitations in the use of adolescent assessment tools and confusion regarding certification requirements for gambling disorder treatment services. This could result in inconsistent application of requirements and potential challenges in accessing appropriate services. No detrimental effects on the environment are anticipated.

M. Summary of and preliminary comparison to existing or proposed federal regulations.
There is no existing federal regulation that spears these proposed changes. The revisions and services fall under the statutory authority governed by Oklahoma Statutes Title 43A.

N. Analysis of alternative to adopting the proposed rule.
The ODMHSAS has conducted outreach and training with providers and external stakeholders to address concerns with the current administrative rules. However, providers are still required to comply with the existing language, which creates confusion regarding whether Chapter 18 certification allows providers to offer gambling disorder treatment services. Additionally, the rules specifically require the use of the T-ASI, which may create potential legal concerns due to its proprietary ownership. The proposed revisions will address these concerns by clarifying certification requirements and allowing greater flexibility in the use of adolescent assessment tools.

O. Estimates of internal ODMHSAS employee time and other resources used to develop the proposed rule.
Between policy staff, program staff, and legal staff, the ODMHSAS has spent about 10 hours developing the proposed rule changes.

P. Date the rule impact statement was prepared and if modified, the date modified.
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