Title 450. Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Rule Impact Statement – Chapter 21 Revisions

A. Purpose of the proposed rule and legal authority.

The proposed revisions give facilitator candidates one (1) year to complete application requirements and update training and continuing education requirements to align with current ODMHSAS practices. The revisions also allow ODMHSAS to determine required training curricula and approve alternative continuing education courses.

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 establish a consistent timeframe for facilitator candidates to complete all application requirements by allowing one (1) year from the application date, rather than separate deadlines for training and other requirements. The revisions also update training and continuing education requirements to align with current ODMHSAS practices. Specific training hour requirements for initial certification will be removed, with ODMHSAS determining the required curriculum. Additionally, the revisions clarify that ODMHSAS may review and approve alternative continuing education trainings for acceptance in place of those specifically identified in rule.

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.

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

The proposed revisions will primarily impact ADSAC facilitator candidates, currently certified facilitators, and ADSAC providers seeking certification or renewal through ODMHSAS.

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

ADSAC facilitator candidates and currently certified facilitators will benefit from clearer application timelines and greater flexibility in training and continuing education requirements.

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.

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

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

The proposed revisions minimize compliance burdens by providing facilitator candidates additional flexibility to complete certification requirements and allowing ODMHSAS to approve alternative continuing education courses. The revisions also align training requirements with current Department practices. Nonregulatory alternatives would not address the existing requirements established in administrative rule.

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 facilitator certification and training requirements while maintaining established standards for ADSAC services.

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

If the proposed revisions are not implemented, facilitator candidates will continue to face inconsistent application deadlines and limited flexibility in meeting training and continuing education requirements. This could create unnecessary barriers to certification and potentially impact access to ADSAC services.

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.
ODMHSAS and providers must comply with the existing administrative rules. Alternative approaches would create additional administrative burdens for both the Department and providers without addressing the limitations of the current requirements.

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 15 hours developing the proposed rule changes.

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