Title 450. Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Rule Impact Statement – Chapter 23 Revisions

A. Purpose of the proposed rule and legal authority.

The proposed rules establish requirements for mobile crisis response services, including staffing, service delivery, and administrative and reimbursement procedures. The rules align with current practices, clarify provider expectations, and strengthen ODMHSAS oversight and enforcement.

The legal authorities for the proposed rules are Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; 43A O.S., §§ 1-110, 3-306, and 3-317.

B. Description of the proposed rule.

The proposed rules establish criteria and requirements for mobile crisis response, including the purpose, required activities, staffing, call response, administrative processes, and reimbursement procedures. The proposed rules align the Department's administrative rules with current requirements and standard practices to clarify expectations and support the Department's ability for enforcement.

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 providing Mobile Crisis Response services.

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

The proposed rules will primarily affect providers by offering clarifications of requirements for Mobile Crisis Response services.

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

Individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis will benefit from clearer and more consistent standards for mobile crisis response services. Mobile crisis response providers will also benefit from established requirements for service delivery, staffing, and administrative/reimbursement procedures.

F. Comprehensive analysis of the rules' economic impact.

The proposed rules establish requirements for mobile crisis response services that align with current practices and standards. Providers may experience administrative or operational costs associated with ensuring compliance; however, significant additional costs are not anticipated for providers already operating under these standards. No new fees are established by the proposed rules. The economic impact on political subdivisions is expected to be minimal, provided they are already following current mobile crisis response requirements.

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

The proposed rules are not expected to result in significant additional costs to ODMHSAS or other state agencies, as they align with existing mobile crisis response practices. The rules will benefit the Department by establishing clear requirements for service delivery, staffing, administrative/reimbursement procedures, and oversight, allowing for more consistent monitoring and enforcement.

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 rules are not expected to have a significant economic impact on small businesses, as they align with existing mobile crisis response practices and requirements. Small providers already meeting these standards are not anticipated to incur additional compliance costs.

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

ODMHSAS met with providers to discuss the proposed rules and received positive feedback and support for the changes. Providers indicated that consolidating crisis service requirements under Chapter 23 would improve efficiency, clarify expectations, and better reflect the work performed by mobile crisis teams. Nonregulatory alternatives would not establish the consistent, enforceable standards needed for mobile crisis response services.

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

The proposed rules are expected to have a positive impact on public health and safety by establishing consistent standards for mobile crisis response services, improving

coordination of care, and supporting timely access to services for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

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 rules are not implemented, the lack of clearly established standards for mobile crisis response services could result in inconsistent service delivery, limited oversight, and challenges in ensuring timely and appropriate care for individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis.

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.

Nonregulatory alternatives, such as provider guidance and training, would not establish the consistent and enforceable standards needed for mobile crisis response services. The proposed rules align with existing practices, clarify provider requirements, and strengthen ODMHSAS oversight. Providers have expressed support for the revisions, and no more effective or less burdensome alternatives were identified.

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 20 hours developing the proposed rule changes.

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

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