Title 450. Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
Rule Impact Statement – Chapter 55 Revisions

A. Purpose of the proposed rule and legal authority.

The proposed revisions clean up the definition section for Chapter 55.

The legal authorities for the proposed rules are Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; O.S. 43A §§3-306, and 3-319.

B. Description of the proposed rule.

The proposed revisions remove the definition for "wellness coaches" since it is no longer used in the Chapter.

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 are administrative in nature and clean up the definition section for Chapter 55.

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

The proposed revision may affect ODMHSAS certified providers subject to the Chapter; however, no direct impact is anticipated, as the definition of "wellness coaches" is no longer used in the administrative rules.

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

ODMHSAS certified providers may benefit from clearer administrative rules through the removal of an unused definition. No direct impact on providers or individuals receiving services is anticipated.

F. Comprehensive analysis of the rules' economic impact.

The proposed revision removes the unused definition of "wellness coaches" and is not expected to have an economic impact on providers, individuals receiving services, or political subdivisions. The revision does not establish new requirements, fees, or compliance costs.

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

The proposed revision is not expected to result in additional costs to ODMHSAS or other state agencies. Removing the unused definition of "wellness coaches" will improve clarity and ensure the administrative rules reflect current requirements and practices.

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

The proposed revision is not expected to have an economic impact on political subdivisions, as it only removes the unused definition of "wellness coaches" and does not establish additional requirements or costs. No cooperation from political subdivisions is required to implement the revision.

I. Economic impact on small businesses.

The proposed revision is not expected to have an economic impact on small businesses, as it only removes the unused definition of "wellness coaches" and does not establish additional requirements, fees, or compliance costs.

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

The proposed revision removes the unused definition of "wellness coaches" and does not establish additional compliance requirements or costs. Nonregulatory alternatives were not considered necessary, as the revision is administrative in nature and is intended to remove outdated language from the administrative rules.

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

The proposed revision removes the unused definition of "wellness coaches" and is not expected to have an impact on public health, safety, or the environment, as it does not change existing service requirements or provider responsibilities.

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

No detrimental effects on public health, safety, or the environment are anticipated if the proposed revision is not implemented. However, the unused definition of "wellness coaches" would remain in the administrative rules, potentially creating unnecessary confusion regarding current provider requirements.

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 primary alternative would be to leave the existing definition of "wellness coaches" in place. However, because the term is no longer used within the Chapter, retaining the definition serves no regulatory purpose. Removing the unused definition is the most appropriate approach to maintaining clear and accurate administrative rules.

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 5 hours developing the proposed rule changes.

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

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