

**TITLE 450. DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
SERVICES  
CHAPTER 1. ADMINISTRATION**

**RULEMAKING ACTION:**

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

**PROPOSED RULES:**

Chapter 1. Administration [AMENDED]

**SUMMARY:**

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act the proposed rule revisions to Chapter 1 are part of the Department's review of Title 450. In an effort to provide greater assistance and clarity as to the Department's rules, the Department is gradually consolidating all definitions provided for in Title 450 into Chapter 1. This will allow for greater consistency in defining similar terms as well as ease in locating. Changes to Chapter 1 also include changes to the Department's certification process to help expedite the application process and, in turn, provide quicker access to behavioral health services for the public. These changes will also assist applicants for certification by clarifying what standards must be met to obtain certain levels of certification. Further, these changes establish qualifications for individuals providing behavioral health services at state-operated facilities or pursuant to a contract with the Department.

**AUTHORITY:**

Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Board; 43A O.S. §§ 2-101, 3-110, 3-306, 3-306.1, 3-314.1, 3-315, 3-317, 3-318, 3-319 and 3-415; 74 O.S. §85.9G.

**COMMENT PERIOD:**

Persons wishing to submit written comments may do so until 5:00 p.m., March 18, 2010, to the attention of Stephanie Kennedy, Administrative Rules Liaison. Written comments may be mailed to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, P.O. Box 53277, Oklahoma City, OK 73152-3277, e-mailed to [skennedy@odmhsas.org](mailto:skennedy@odmhsas.org), hand-delivered to the Department at 1200 N.E. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, OK or by facsimile, at (405) 522-0401.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Department will conduct a public hearing on March 19, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A of the Department at the address given above.

**REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:**

ODMHSAS asks business entities affected by the proposed rules to provide written information to the Department, in dollar amounts if possible, about the increase in the level of direct costs, indirect costs, or other costs expected to be incurred by the business entity due to compliance with the proposed rules. Business entities may

submit this information in writing to Stephanie Kennedy, at the above address, before the close of the comment period on March 18, 2010.

**COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:**

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained from Stephanie Kennedy, Administrative Rules Liaison, at the above address or through the ODMHSAS website at [odmhsas.org](http://odmhsas.org).

**RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:**

Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 303(D) ODMHSAS will prepare a rule impact statement which will be available beginning February 19, 2010. Copies may be obtained from Stephanie Kennedy, Administrative Rules Liaison, at the above address or through the ODMHSAS website at [odmhsas.org](http://odmhsas.org).

**CONTACT PERSON:**

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