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CDPCD6 Prevention Services

R.C. 4758.01, 4758.44, 4758.45, 4758.02, 4758.10, 4758.20-4758.23, 4758.60, 4758.61

Changes the credentialing of prevention specialists and prevention consultants from certification to licensure.

Modifies the definition of "prevention services" and requires OCDP to adopt standards for the practice of prevention services.

Fiscal effect: There would be administrative and possible IT costs to make this adjustment.

CDPCD16 Terminology change

R.C. 4758.01, various other sections in Chapter 4758.

Replaces the term "chemical dependency" with "substance use disorder" and modifies associated definitions, but retains the name of the Board and all chemical dependency counselor licenses issued by OCDP.

Fiscal effect: Potential costs to update websites or other documents.

CDPCD5 Peer supporters

R.C. 4758.02, 4758.04, 4758.20, 4758.21, 4758.49, 4758.491, 4758.65, 4758.651, 4758.70, 4758.80, 4743.09, 4757.41, 4758.22, 4758.23, 4758.30, 4757.31, 4758.36, 4758.99; Section 747.10

Transfers the responsibility of certifying peer recovery supporters, youth peer supporters, and family peer supporters from DBH to OCDP.

Requires all peer supporters to: hold a high school diploma, the equivalent of a high school diploma, or a higher degree; complete training; pass an examination; and agree to follow a code of ethics. Establishes age and other requirements for each category of peer supporter.

Requires peer supporters to be supervised by specified professionals.

Establishes a peer support supervisor endorsement, which must be obtained by a peer supporter or other chemical dependency professional in order to serve as a supervisor. Establishes the requirements that must be met to obtain this endorsement.

Requires other mental health professionals who may supervise peer supporters to complete training requirements established by OCDP rule.

Permits peer supporters to provide telehealth services.

Prohibits peer supporters from engaging in the practice of substance use disorder counseling or prevention services.

Prohibits an individual from representing themselves as a peer supporter without holding certification beginning one year after the provision's 90-day effective date.

Permits individuals who are certified as peer recovery supporters, youth peer supporters, and family peer supporters by DBH on the provision's 90-day effective date to apply to OCDP to delay the certificate's expiration.

Prohibits OCDP from establishing fees for online learning courses for peer supporters administered by DBH.

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Fiscal effect: Increase in costs, including one-time costs due to eLicense enhancements and other necessary updates for this transition and ongoing costs to issue certificates and regulate these professionals. The budget establishes funding of approximately \$292,500 in FY 2026 and \$30,000 in FY 2027 in new Fund 5CF1 ALI 930600, which consists of ISTV transfers from DBH, to support initial costs. Ongoing costs may be partially offset by licensure fee revenue collected.

CDPCD15 Chemical dependency counselor I license

R.C. 4758.02, 4758.24, 4758.27

Eliminates obsolete references to the chemical dependency counselor I license, for which initial licensure was eliminated in 2002 and renewals ceased in 2008.

Fiscal effect: None.

CDPCD13 Board membership

R.C. 4758.10, 4758.11, 4758.13; Section 747.01

Adds a chemical dependency counselor assistant and an individual who is a peer recovery supporter, youth peer supporter, or family peer supporter as a Board member.

Replaces the Board member who is a physician with experience practicing in a field related to chemical dependency counseling with a specified health care worker or counselor who is employed or contracted by a community addiction services provider or community mental health services provider.

Increases to nine (from seven) the number of members who must be present to constitute a quorum.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

CDPCD17 Address and telephone number

R.C. 4758.18, (Repealed)

Eliminates a requirement that each license or certificate include OCDP's address and telephone number.

Fiscal effect: None.

CDPCD2 Disciplinary fines

R.C. 4758.20, 4758.30

Permits OCDP to impose fines as a form of professional disciplinary action against its license, certificate, and endorsement holders.

Requires OCDP to adopt rules establishing a graduated system of fines, based on the scope and severity of violations and history of compliance, with a maximum fine of \$500 per incident.

Fiscal effect: Potential revenue increase.

Executive**CDPCD3 Internships and practicums****R.C. 4758.20**

Permits OCDP to require internships or practicums as a condition of licensure, certification, or endorsement, instead of preceptorships as specified by current law.

Fiscal effect: None.**CDPCD7 Chemical dependency counselor assistants****R.C. 4758.20, 4758.22, 4758.26, 4758.27, 4758.43, 4758.51, Repealed: 4758.52**

Requires an individual seeking a chemical dependency counselor assistant certification to be at least age 18 and hold a high school diploma, a certificate of high school equivalence, or a higher degree.

Changes the designation that applies to the first certification that is received to practice as a chemical dependency counselor assistant from "initial" to "preliminary." Eliminates existing requirements for this certification, and instead, requires OCDP to establish the standards by rule.

Prohibits OCDP from renewing or restoring a chemical dependency counselor assistant preliminary certificate.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.**CDPCD1 Approval of education programs****R.C. 4758.21, 4758.20, 4758.28**

Requires OCDP to approve education programs that may be completed for initial licenses, certificates, and endorsements, including degree and certificate training programs offered by accredited educational institutions and other training programs selected by OCDP, in addition to the OCDP's current duty to approve continuing education courses for renewals.

Extends OCDP's duty to establish fees and adopt rules to its duties relating to the approval of additional education programs.

Fiscal effect: There would be increased administrative costs. However, OCDP can establish fees to help offset these costs.**CDPCD14 Code of ethics****R.C. 4758.23**

Clarifies that the codes of ethics adopted by OCDP for chemical dependency professionals must prohibit engaging in multiple relationships with clients, as opposed to dual relationships as in current law.

Expands specific requirements for the development of codes of ethics to apply to all professionals credentialed by OCDP.

Fiscal effect: None.

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CDPCD4 Criminal records checks

R.C. 4758.24, 4758.20, 4776.01, 4776.20

Requires applicants for licensure, certification, or endorsement from OCDP to undergo a criminal records check.

Requires OCDP to adopt rules regarding criminal records checks.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

CDPCD8 Discipline

R.C. 4758.30

Clarifies that OCDP may discipline an individual credentialed by OCDP for an inability to practice due to mental illness or physical illness, including physical deterioration that adversely affects cognitive, motor, or perceptive skills, instead of just physical or mental condition as in current law.

Permits OCDP to discipline an individual credentialed by OCDP for conviction in another jurisdiction of a felony or conviction of misdemeanors committed in the course of practice.

Fiscal effect: Minimal.

CDPCD9 Applications

R.C. 4758.35, 4758.39, 4758.40, 4758.44, 4758.45

Requires applicants for licensure, certification, or endorsement from OCDP to submit an application in the manner OCDP prescribes, in place of the current requirement to file a written form.

Clarifies that certain applicants for licensure, certification, or endorsement from OCDP must hold a required degree "or higher," as opposed to holding "at least" that degree as in current law.

Fiscal effect: None.

CDPCD11 Alternative pathways to licensure

R.C. 4758.40, 4758.41-4758.45, Repealed: 4758.241

Eliminates pathways to licensure as a chemical dependency counselor III, chemical dependency counselor II, independent chemical dependency counselor, prevention consultant, or prevention specialist, or certification as a chemical dependency counselor assistant that require the professional to hold formerly accepted credentials on December 23, 2002.

Eliminates a pathway to licensure as a chemical dependency counselor II that requires a professional to have held a certificate as a chemical dependency counselor assistant since 2008 and meet other requirements.

Eliminates a pathway for licensure as an independent chemical dependency counselor-clinical supervisor for applicants who held a license on March 22, 2013, under which an applicant is not required to pay a fee or comply with other licensure requirements.

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Eliminates a pathway for licensure as an independent chemical dependency counselor-clinical supervisor for applicants who held an independent chemical dependency counselor license on March 22, 2013.

Fiscal effect: None.

CDPCD10 Work or internship experience

R.C. 4758.41, 4758.42

Clarifies that work or internship experience for a license as an independent chemical dependency counselor-clinical supervisor or a chemical dependency counselor III must include services provided for substance use disorder treatment within a scope of practice to perform such services.

Fiscal effect: None.

CDPCD12 Referrals

R.C. 4758.44, 4758.55-4758.57, 4758.59, 4758.62-4758.64

Eliminates the authority of an independent chemical dependency counselor-clinical supervisor, independent chemical dependency counselor, chemical dependency counselor III, chemical dependency counselor II, or chemical dependency counselor assistant to refer individuals with non-chemical dependency conditions to appropriate sources of help.

Eliminates the authority of an independent chemical dependency counselor, chemical dependency counselor III, chemical dependency counselor II, or gambling disorder endorsement holder to refer individuals with other gambling conditions to appropriate sources of help.

Fiscal effect: None.

CDPCD18 License display

R.C. 4758.50, (Repealed)

Eliminates a requirement that a holder of a license, certificate, or endorsement issued by OCDP prominently post that license, certificate, or endorsement at the holder's place of employment.

Fiscal effect: None.