

Ohio Problem Gambling FAQs (revised 5-22-13)

This Problem Gambling FAQ document is written to reflect the State of Ohio structure as of July 1, 2013 wherever possible.

1. Q What if a Board wants to use more than, or all of, the 60/40 allocation for either prevention or treatment in a Board area?

A Boards may request a waiver to use more than the stated amount of problem gambling allocation for either prevention or treatment, based on local needs. However, since treatment for a problem gambling diagnosis is a priority population for the Problem Gambling and Addictions Fund, if a person from the Board area presents for problem gambling treatment, services must be provided.

2. Q What kinds of services or activities are considered “prevention” for the prevention portion of the Problem Gambling and Addictions Fund allocations?

A Since most of the work to be accomplished in the first few years of gambling expansion in Ohio should be prevention-focused based on survey results, the state department expects that this work may include the following:

- Any of the six CSAP strategies and the activities identified under each strategy provided for in the July 2012 release of the Ohio MHA Prevention Taxonomy - <http://www.ada.ohio.gov/public/OpenFile.aspx?DocumentID=b2dad9f-7716-420e-baf5-ba8e6a1c32e9>
- Community planning – plan creation (i.e., engage in community-based processes like the Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) to ensure the services provided are targeted and effective)
- Workforce development and training for prevention (i.e., regional training opportunities or state conferences that highlight evidence-based practices for prevention of problem gambling)
- For problem gambling prevention resources, visit - <http://www.ada.ohio.gov/public/ContentLinks.aspx?SectionID=d8fe6266-ad2e-4580-92a2-852ab4db4f3c>

3. Q Can any community service provider offer problem gambling prevention and/or treatment services and will they receive reimbursement from the ADAMH Board?

A ADAMH Boards may contract with providers at their discretion. Funds from the Problem Gambling and Addictions Fund must be available to pay for treatment if a community resident presents with a problem gambling diagnosis; however, that resident may need to transfer to a provider with whom the Board is contracting for problem gambling services. Prevention providers must be certified by Ohio MHA unless they are a coalition and therefore, not providing direct service.

4. Q How does an individual or a community service provider become eligible to offer prevention or treatment for problem gambling?

A PROBLEM GAMBLING TREATMENT PROVIDERS

Ohioans with a diagnosis of pathological gambling can receive treatment from professionals who have been trained in counseling for individuals with gambling addiction. In Ohio, this includes psychiatrists and psychologists, as well as social workers with the credentials: LSW, LISW, LPC or PCC and have indicated "gambling treatment" within their scope of practice. The training hours provided through Ohio MHA and contracted community service providers can provide an Ohio credentialed professional with CEUs toward adding gambling treatment to his/her scope of practice. Acceptance of the scope of practice addition is the responsibility of the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board. The National Certified Gambling Counselor (NCGC) credential may provide documentation for an Ohio professional to add gambling to his/her scope of practice.

Community providers with staff that meet the qualifications above may treat individuals who are diagnosed as having problem/pathological gambling. A County ADAMHS Board is responsible for contracting with community providers that are addiction-certified or neighboring Boards or service providers to ensure that prevention and treatment of problem gambling is available in an area.

PROBLEM GAMBLING PREVENTION PROVIDERS

Prevention providers with appropriately credentialed staff must be certified by Ohio MHA unless they are a coalition, and therefore not providing direct service.

5. Q Will there be a credential for treatment of Problem Gambling for Ohio counselors?

A Ohio MHA is working with the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board to create an endorsement to the Chemical Dependency license for treatment of pathological gambling. Until an Ohio endorsement exists, only the professionals listed above are considered qualified to treat pathological gambling.

6. Q Where can a person go in Ohio to get treatment for problem/pathological gambling?

A Historically, six sites have been funded to provide problem gambling identification and treatment services, pursuant to an agreement between ODADAS and the Ohio Lottery Commission. They are Health Recovery Services in Athens, Recovery Resources in Cleveland, CCAT- Center for Chemical Addictions Treatment in Cincinnati, SASI in Toledo, Meridian Community Care in Youngstown and Maryhaven in Columbus. The Ohio Helpline at 1-800-589-9966 is the best resource for eligible treatment providers.

7. Q The Allocation Guidelines specify that the funds can only go to programs certified by OHIO MHA. Is there an exception for funding a coalition for planning/and or environmental strategy purposes?

A Expenses for community planning for problem gambling prevention and treatment services is an accepted use for the funding. Coalitions do not have to be certified by Ohio MHA. However, they are responsible for a vast majority of the work around planning/and or environmental strategy, so yes, they can receive funding.

8. Q Can the funds be used to purchase future training/workforce development to enhance local system capacity to screen and address problem/pathological gambling?

A Yes.

9. Q Is there a schedule for regional problem gambling trainings in FY14?

A For treatment of problem gambling, there will be three Level I, three Level II and two Advanced trainings offered in SFY 2014. For details on the remaining trainings scheduled in SFY 2013, visit: <http://www.org.ohio.gov/assets/training%20flyer%202013.pdf>.

Stage I: Foundations in Disordered Gambling	April 4-5, 2013 – Cincinnati, OH
Stage II: Treating the Disordered Gambler	April 25-26, 2013 – Cincinnati, OH
Advanced Disordered Gambling Training: Gambling Ethics and Case Conceptualization	May 30-31, 2013 – Cleveland, OH
Advanced Disordered Gambling Training: Beyond Screening: The impact of gambling on recovery	June 13-14, 2013 – Columbus, OH

For prevention of problem gambling, there will be Basic trainings in June 2013 and 3 Advanced trainings in SFY 2014 – all TBA.

10. Q Are there any early adopters that have had success partnering with the casinos/racinos, in Ohio or elsewhere?

A No, there are not.

11. Q The Board was already in the process of partnering with the county health department to disseminate the Youth Risk Behavior Survey. Would it be acceptable to utilize these funds as match dollars and add specific gambling risk and community readiness questions to the survey, knowing that the survey and results will not come to fruition until early SFY14?

A Yes. The expenses must be incurred by June 30, 2013.

12. Q Is there a provision to carry over unspent problem gambling dollars to SFY 2014?

A A Board cannot carryover unspent funds into the next fiscal year.

13. Q Is there a provision to use the money for lost staff time related to attending training?

A No, there is not. This would not be considered a reasonable and allowable cost under Circular A-87 Cost Principles.

14. Q Is there a provision to use the funds for workforce development since the dollars are to be used for prevention and treatment services?

A Funding can be used for workforce development to build capacity in a Board area.

15. Q Can people self-ban from the casino? What is the process?

A Yes there are several ways to self- exclude. Each of the gaming establishments has a program, as well as the Casino Control Commission and the Ohio Lottery Commission for the

racinos. More information can be accessed at www.org.ohio.gov. Laura Clemens is the contact at the Casino Control Commission at 614-387-5848. Exclusions are possible for 1 year, 5 years or life. Visit <http://www.casinocontrol.ohio.gov/ResponsibleGambling.aspx> to learn more about the Casino Control Commission Voluntary Exclusion Program.

16. Q Will there be or is there any funding for education/prevention/treatment?

A Funding for problem gambling education/prevention/treatment has begun to be distributed through the County ADAMH Boards in each area of the state.

17. Q Are there any minimum requirements for a therapist to treat a problem/pathological gambler?

A Currently an Ohio counselor would need to be an LSW, LISW, or PC, plus include gambling in his/her professional disclosure. Psychiatrists and psychologists are also qualified.

18. Q I am a National Certified Gambling Counselor-2; will there/are there any State of Ohio requirements related to treating problem gambling?

A The National Certified Gambling Counselor (NCGC) credential may provide documentation for an Ohio Social Worker to add gambling to his/her scope of practice.

19. Q What kinds of services can be considered for payment with the treatment portion of the Problem Gambling and Addictions fund allocations?

A All treatment services in the ODADAS continuum of care found in OAC 3793:2-1-0: assessment, screening, treatment (including medication-assisted treatment) and aftercare can be paid for with the Problem Gambling and Addictions Fund dollars. In addition:

- Workforce development and training for treatment services (i.e., regional training opportunities or state conferences that highlight evidence-based practices for treatment of problem gambling)

20. Q With the funding that is to be expended by June 30, 2013, may Boards or community service providers purchase educational videos and/or curriculum specific to gambling as part of the prevention portion?

A Yes, if they are prevention education videos/curricula.

21. Q None of the Board's treatment providers has staff trained to address gambling addiction specifically. They want to use the funds for treatment – specifically MAT. The allocation guidelines consistently reference “gambling addiction services, alcohol and drug addiction services....” This Board interprets this to mean that these funds are for treatment of gambling problems/addiction and prevention of gambling problems and not for MAT. Is this an accurate interpretation?

A The funding from the Problem Gambling and Addictions Fund may be used for any billable service under OHIO MHA's service continuum, including services for alcohol and other drug addiction – which includes purchase of medication-assisted treatment. However, treatment for problem gamblers is a priority population for these funds; therefore, if a problem gambler presents for treatment, he/she must have access to care.

22. Q How do community service providers bill for gambling services? Is there a specific modifier they need to use?

A A gambling service modifier is not available. In order to identify Problem Gambling services in Diamond (MACSIS), the affiliation code must be used. A provider can request that their Board assign the Problem Gambling affiliation code "PG" to their client in Diamond. The Provider should contact their local Board for instructions on how to do this.

The Boards' instructions for using the affiliation code can be found here:

<http://mentalhealth.ohio.gov/assets/macsis/member-information/affiliation-codes-explanation.pdf>)

23. Q Can these funds be used for travel for training purposes?

A Yes, they may be used to reimburse staff for workforce development travel (mileage, lodging and meals) related to problem gambling training.

24. Q Will training for prevention related to problem gambling be coming to the communities in SFY 14? Will it be early or late SFY 14?

A For prevention of problem gambling, there will be regional Basic trainings in June 2013 and 3 regional Advanced trainings in SFY 2014 – all TBA.

25. Q Is there a requirement for providers to do a Problem Gambling Screening for every client who presents for service?

A OHIO MHA will provide training on best practices for co-occurring substance abuse and for treatment of gambling disorders. Included in this training will be information about screening instruments and assessment protocols. OHIO MHA encourages community service providers to develop policies regarding screening, assessment and referral to treatment. There is no mandated screening, and there are no mandated policies. Policies and screenings are voluntary and should be based upon good clinical practice.

For agencies that elect to VOLUNTARILY screen clients who present for a substance use disorder, there will be two items in OHBH to record:

- a) the screening instrument used, and
- b) the screening score.

Providers may choose from several recognized screening instruments: NODS, SOGS and BBGS – all will be posted on the Problem Gambling page of the ODADAS website at

<http://www.ada.ohio.gov/public/ContentPage.aspx?ContentID=c318c117-8d1c-44a6-a76a-e55a78c9018d>.

The data can be entered in the admission or discharge record for OHBH. OHIO MHA will report on the number of screened clients as agreed upon in the Ohio Casino Control Commission gambling plan.

26. Q How will Ohio MHA distribute future allocations from the Problem Gambling and Addictions Fund? Will community service providers that are not screening clients or providing problem gambling treatment continue to receive funds?

A Based on the following:

- Ohio MHA will continue to distribute funds from the Problem Gambling and Addictions Fund to the County ADAMH Boards on a per capita formula basis.

- Ohio MHA urges the Boards to recognize community service providers who are actively engaged in prevention, screening, assessment, referral and/or treatment for problem gambling – as distribution of local funds is determined.
- Ohio MHA will convene interested party meetings prior to changing fund allocation methods.

27. Q Who or what entities are eligible for Medicaid reimbursement for problem gambling services?

A Addiction-certified treatment programs that participate in Medicaid are able to bill Medicaid if a client is diagnosed with pathological gambling.

28. Q Are the County Boards permitted an administrative fee from the Problem Gambling and Addictions Fund allocations?

A Yes. In line with any ODADAS funding allocation, an administrative fee is an allowable cost. Please note that any costs associated with planning are considered administrative. The Department will monitor the Board administrative expenditures through the Board Level Report (BLR) Process. This process allows us to assess the overall administrative expenditures.

29. Q Will stakeholders have an opportunity to weigh in on the plans for the statewide education and prevention campaign?

A Yes. A small group of stakeholders will meet with the vendor at the outset of planning and the full stakeholder group will come together to review and comment on campaign direction and creative before any campaign is finalized.

30. Q What is ORG?

A Ohio for Responsible Gambling is an initiative aimed at promoting responsible gambling in Ohio. Four State Agencies in Ohio are working together in this effort; The Ohio Lottery Commission (OLC), the Ohio Casino Control Commission (OCCC), the Ohio State Racing Commission (OSRC), and The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS – Ohio MHA as of July 1, 2013). ODADAS serves as the resource partner for the new initiative and the lead agency responsible for prevention and treatment of problem gambling. To learn more, visit ORG.ohio.gov.

31. Q Regarding the Problem Gambling Treatment Funds, could they be used to pay up front during FY 13 for training that will not happen until State Fiscal Year 14 (July)?

A Yes – as long as it is paid for by June 30, 2013.

32. Q Can I contract with any certified prevention specialist to provide problem gambling prevention training in my community to supplement the regional statewide problem gambling prevention trainings?

A Since currently there is no credential that includes a scope of practice for problem gambling prevention, the Department would like to review all training materials. This is to ensure that all problem gambling prevention training in Ohio aligns with the most current science of prevention. Please contact Shemane Marsh, Division of Prevention Services, for a prompt review of materials at 614-466-9021 or shemane.marsh@ada.ohio.gov.