



## RULE MEMORANDUM

Date: October 13, 2016

To: Interested Constituents

From: Howard Henry, Staff Counsel

Subject: Proposed Rule Amendments for OAC 5122-14 Licensing of Psychiatric Hospitals and Units

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is proposing the following Ohio Administrative Code rule actions. Please review these draft proposed rule actions and provide any comments you may have **by November 2, 2016. Comments will automatically be forwarded to the Common Sense Initiative Office.**

Pursuant to the requirements of EO 2011-01K and Senate Bill 2 of the 129th General Assembly, which requires state agencies, including OhioMHAS, to draft rules in collaboration with stakeholders, assess and justify any adverse impact on the business community (as defined by SB2), and provide opportunity for the affected public to provide input on the rules.

OhioMHAS is reviewing the rules in OAC Chapter 5122-14, Licensing of Psychiatric Hospitals and Units, in accordance with the five-year rule review requirements of ORC Section 106.03. The Department is required by ORC Section 5119.33 to inspect and license all hospitals that receive mentally ill persons, except those hospitals managed by the Department. The rules are being updated with the removal and replacement of some general definition and applicability statements, and the updating of references and other language. Substantive changes regarding definitions, license terminations, patient safety, patient rights, and medical records are being proposed. Please see the BIA and the proposed rules at: <http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=251>.

The rules have been submitted to the CSI office for review; and comments regarding the rules can be submitted through the link on the OhioMHAS website. Comments submitted through the link will be sent to OhioMHAS and the CSI office. Comments may be sent directly to [CSIPublicComments@governor.ohio.gov](mailto:CSIPublicComments@governor.ohio.gov) or [MH-SOT-rules@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:MH-SOT-rules@mha.ohio.gov).