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>>> Trainings to Focus on New Methadone Regulations

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) today final filed new Methadone Regulations, contained in Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 5122-40, which will be effective June 1, 2017. Any Ohio provider utilizing methadone to treat opiate addiction must be licensed by OhioMHAS as a methadone program, and certified by OhioMHAS to provide the non-Methadone treatment services. OhioMHAS will provide three different webinar trainings on the new rules. Note: each webinar will be recorded. The recordings and slide presentations will be posted to the [Licensure and Certification training website](#).

Part One | May 25, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. | [Register](#)

Part Two | May 26, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | [Register](#)

Part Three | May 30, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | [Register](#)

>>> Waiting List Law Effective July 1, 2017

Beginning July 1, 2017, Ohio Revised Code section (ORC) [5119.362](#) requires that all community addiction services providers maintain a waiting list for opioid and co-occurring drug addiction services and recovery supports. The waiting list data is due to OhioMHAS monthly by the 30th day. (For example, the waiting list data collected in July would be due to the department by Aug. 30.)

ORC 5119.363 requires OhioMHAS to adopt rules regarding the duties of community addiction services providers related to the waiting list. Click to review a draft of the [administrative rule](#) and the [appendix](#) that have been filed with the Joint Commission on Agency Rule Review. [Draft instructions](#) for the waiting list along with a [reporting template](#) that captures the required elements of the administrative rule and statute have been developed. Providers may submit the information to OhioMHAS using the form, or they may send the data in through an extract. If you plan on utilizing an extract, please contact Jim Hughes at James.Hughes@mha.ohio.gov.

The Department is currently seeking a few providers to test the waiting list form in early June. Please contact James.Lapczynski@mha.ohio.gov if you are interested in assisting with the testing. OhioMHAS will be releasing a video training on the waiting list that should be available in June once the forms are finalized.

>>> Clinical Continuing Education Hours Approved – Ohio's 2017 Opiate Conference

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, will be hosting [Ohio's 2017 Opiate Conference: Bridges to Recovery](#) on June 12-13 at the

Hyatt Regency Columbus. Continuing Education credits have been approved for the following disciplines:

- Chemical Dependency Counselors – 12.00 RCHs (6 for 6/12, 6 for 6/13)
- Nurses (RN/LPN) – 12.00 Contact Hours (6 for 6/12, 6 for 6/13)
- Psychologists – 12.00 MCEs (6 for 6/12, 6 for 6/13)
- Counselors – 12.00 CPEs (6 for 6/12, 6 for 6/13)
- Prevention Professionals – 12.00 RCHs (6 for 6/12, 6 for 6/13)
- Social Workers – 12.00 CPEs (6 for 6/12, 6 for 6/13)
- Peer Supporters – 12.00 CEUs (6 for 6/12, 6 for 6/13)



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