Important Information Regarding

MODERNIZING AND EXPANDING PEER SUPPORT CERTIFICATION IN OHIO

Peer Supporter certificate transitioned to the state's
eLicense system on April 7, 2022.

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2022 Update of Rules OAC 5122-29-15; 5122-29-15.1, effective April 7, 2022

Ohio's Peer Recovery Supporter certification has expanded to now include family and youth/young adult peer supporters. The rule changes the name of a "Certified Peer Recovery Supporter" to an "Adult, Family, and Youth Certified Peer Supporter." The updated rule includes the following other changes:

■ A high school diploma or GED is required to be eligible for certification.

■ At initial certification, applicants will be required to complete both a BCI and FBI background check.

■ At recertification, applicants will be able to attest to having received no new felony convictions. If there is a new conviction, individuals will be required to obtain another BCI and FBI background check.

■ The rule includes language regarding pardons and certificates of qualification for employment (CQE).

■ The rule changes the disqualifying offenses. There is now a list of nine permanently disqualifying offenses and 17 disqualifying for a period of 5 years from the date of when the person is released from sanctions.

Transition to New eLicense System

Beginning April 7, 2022, Ohio is using state of the art technology to transition from a paper application to an electronic application leveraging the existing eLicense system used by credentialing Boards across Ohio. This process will increase transparency and provide the opportunity for applicants to track their application through the certification process. This new process requires all applications be assessed a processing charge of $3.50, that will be paid at the time of submission of the electronic application.

OhioMHAS will continue to process all applications and forms emailed prior to Thursday, March 24, 2022. Initial and recertification applications for peer recovery supporters received on or after March 24 will be returned to the applicants to file electronically via eLicense.

OhioMHAS has developed several tools to assist each applicant with navigating the new electronic system, including a video, manual and live technical support. Please visit https://mha.ohio.gov/community-partners/peer-supporters for more information.