



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 5122-29-30 Eligible providers and supervisors.

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(A) Individuals are eligible to provide and supervise within their professional scope of practice those services certified by the Ohio department of mental health and addiction services and listed and described in Chapter 5122-29 of the Administrative Code.

(B) Licensed, certified or registered individuals shall comply with current, applicable scope of practice, supervisory, and ethical requirements identified by appropriate licensing, certifying or registering bodies.

(C) Individuals providing the following services who are not otherwise credentialed by the Ohio chemical dependency professionals board; Ohio counselor, social worker and marriage and family therapist board; state medical board of Ohio; Ohio board of nursing, Ohio board of pharmacy, or Ohio board of psychology shall not provide any service or activity for which a credential by one of these boards is required by the Revised Code or Administrative Code and shall meet the requirements of a qualified behavioral health specialist in paragraph (D) of this rule:

(1) Mental health day treatment in accordance with rule 5122-29-06 of the Administrative Code.

(2) SUD case management services in accordance with rule 5122-29-13 of the Administrative Code.

(3) Community psychiatric supportive treatment in accordance with rule 5122-19-17 of the Administrative Code.

(4) Therapeutic behavioral services and psychosocial rehabilitation in accordance with rule 5122-19-18 of the Administrative Code.

(5) Intensive home based treatment (IHBT) service in accordance with rule 5122-29-28 of the Administrative Code.



(6) Assertive community treatment (ACT) service in accordance with rule 5122-29-29 of the Administrative Code.

(D) Qualified behavioral health specialist.

(1) Qualified behavioral health specialist (QBHS) means an individual who has received training for or education in either mental health or substance use disorder competencies; and who has demonstrated, prior to or within ninety days of hire the minimum competencies in basic mental health or substance use disorder and recovery skills listed in this rule. The individual shall not otherwise be required to perform duties covered under the scope of practice according to Ohio professional licensure.

(2) Basic competencies for each QBHS shall include, at a minimum, an understanding of:

- (a) Either mental illness or substance use disorder treatment and recovery;
- (b) The community behavioral health system, social service systems, the criminal justice system, and other healthcare systems;
- (c) Psychiatric and substance use disorder symptoms and their impact on functioning and behavior,
- (d) How to therapeutically engage either with a person with mental illness or a person in substance use disorder treatment and recovery;
- (e) Crisis response procedures; and,
- (f) De-escalation techniques and an understanding of how the individual's own behavior can impact the behavior of others.

(3) The employing provider shall establish additional competency requirements, as appropriate, for each QBHS based upon the services to be performed, characteristics and needs of the persons to be served, and skills appropriate to the position.



(4) A QBHS must be supervised by an individual qualified to supervise the provisions of services within in their scope of practice.

(E) QBHS includes both a qualified mental health specialist and a care management specialist.