



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 340.01 Alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health service district.

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(A) As used in this chapter:

(1) "Addiction," "addiction services," "alcohol and drug addiction services," "alcohol use disorder," "certifiable services and supports," "community addiction services provider," "community mental health services provider," "drug addiction," "gambling addiction services," "included opioid and co-occurring drug addiction services and recovery supports," "mental health services," "mental illness," "recovery housing residence," and "recovery supports" have the same meanings as in section 5119.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Medication-assisted treatment" means alcohol and drug addiction services that are accompanied by medication approved by the United States food and drug administration for the treatment of alcohol use disorder or drug addiction, prevention of relapse, or both.

(B) An alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health service district shall be established in any county or combination of counties having a population of at least fifty thousand. With the approval of the director of behavioral health, any county or combination of counties having a population of less than fifty thousand may establish such a district. Districts comprising more than one county shall be known as joint-county districts.

The board of county commissioners of any county participating in a joint-county district may submit a resolution requesting withdrawal from the district together with a comprehensive plan or plans that are in compliance with rules adopted by the director of behavioral health under section 5119.22 of the Revised Code to the board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services, to the boards of county commissioners of each county in the district, and to the director. The plan or plans shall include all of the following: proposed bylaws for the operation of the newly established district; a list of potential board members; a list of the behavioral health services available in the newly established district, including inpatient, outpatient, prevention, and housing services; equitable adjustment and division of all services, assets, property, debts, and obligations of the former joint-county district; a



plan ensuring no disruption in behavioral health services in the newly established district; and provision for the employment of an executive director of the newly established district.

The director shall approve the plan not later than one year after the date the resolution was adopted by the board of county commissioners. No county participating in a joint-county district may withdraw from the district without the consent of the director of behavioral health nor earlier than one year after the submission of such resolution unless all of the participating counties agree to an earlier withdrawal.

Any county withdrawing from a joint-county district shall continue to have levied against its tax list and duplicate any tax levied by the district during the period in which the county was a member of the district until such time as the levy expires or is renewed or replaced.

(C) For any tax levied under section 5705.19 of the Revised Code by a board of a joint-county district formed on or after April 3, 2023, revenue from the tax shall only be expended for the benefit of the residents of the county from which the revenue is derived. For the purpose of this division, a joint-county district is not formed by virtue of a county joining or withdrawing from a district or if a joint-county service district merges with another joint-county district.