



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5119.35 Mental health and addiction services requiring certification.

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(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, if a mental health service or alcohol and drug addiction service has been specified in rules adopted under this section as a service that is required to be certified, no person or government entity shall provide that service unless it has been certified under section 5119.36 of the Revised Code.

(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to either of the following:

(1) An individual who holds a valid license, certificate, or registration issued by this state authorizing the practice of a health care profession that includes the performance of any service that is required to be certified as described in this section, regardless of whether the service is performed as part of a sole proprietorship, partnership, or group practice;

(2) An individual who provides any service that is required to be certified as described in this section as part of an employment or contractual relationship with a hospital outpatient clinic that is accredited by an accreditation agency or organization approved by the director of behavioral health.

(C)(1) If the director of behavioral health determines that a person or government entity is violating division (A) of this section, the director may request, in writing, that the attorney general petition the court of common pleas in the county where the person or government entity is located or providing the services to enjoin the person or government entity from engaging in the conduct that violates division (A) of this section.

(2) No person or government entity that is subject to this section is eligible to receive, for a service that is subject to this section, any federal funds, state funds, or funds administered by a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services, unless that service has been certified under section 5119.36 of the Revised Code. This limitation is in addition to the injunction that may be sought under division (C)(1) of this section for a violation of division (A) of this section.



(D) The director may adopt rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to specify mental health services and alcohol and drug addiction services that are required to be certified under section 5119.36 of the Revised Code.