



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5119.392 Prohibition against operation without being certified or accredited.

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(A) Beginning January 1, 2025, no person or government entity shall operate a recovery housing residence unless either of the following applies:

(1)(a) If the department of behavioral health certifies recovery housing residences, the recovery housing residence is certified by the department.

(b) If the department accepts accreditation or its equivalent from an organization specified in section 5119.39 of the Revised Code, the residence is accredited by such an organization.

(2) The recovery housing residence has been operating for not more than eighteen months and is actively engaged in efforts to obtain certification or accreditation, as applicable. For purposes of identifying this eighteen-month timeframe, a recovery housing residence is considered to begin operating on the date that the first resident occupies the residence, as specified on the form filed in accordance with section 5119.391 of the Revised Code.

(B) If the director of behavioral health determines that a recovery housing residence is operating in violation of this section, the director may request, in writing, that the attorney general petition the court of common pleas of the county in which the recovery housing residence is located for an order enjoining operation of the recovery housing residence.
