

OAC 5160-8-05: “Mental Health Services” and Enrollment of Independent Practice Social Workers, Counselors, and Marriage and Family Therapists

New Effective Date: February 1, 2016

The effective date for OAC rule 5160-8-05 has been moved to February 1, 2016. The rule, “Mental Health Services” to establish independent practice social workers, counselors and marriage and family therapists as direct providers in the Ohio Medicaid fee-for-service program, is currently being processed for “final file” for this effective date.

On or after February 1, 2016, the following provider types may enroll as providers in the Ohio Medicaid fee-for-service (FFS) program:

- licensed independent professional counselors;
- independent social workers; and
- independent marriage and family therapists

All other program changes, including changes in reimbursement and covered services, will also become effective February 1, 2016.

Providers with questions about the enrollment process may call 1-800-686-1516.

We encourage interested providers to monitor the [ODM Guidance page](#) for the formal publication of the implementing transmittal letter.

Providers with questions regarding this program policy change can email us at: NONINSTITUTIONAL_POLICY@medicaid.ohio.gov.