

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

HOUSE BILL 4275

By: Miller of the House

and

Reinhardt of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to mental health; amending 43A O.S. 2021, Section 3-318, which relates to rules and standards for certification of behavioral health case managers, application for certification, fee, titles, and compliance; providing uniformity in rules and standards for certification for behavioral health case managers; amending 43A O.S. 2021, Section 3-326, which relates to certification as peer recovery support specialist, rules, application, fees, titles, and penalties; providing uniformity in rules and standards for certification for peer recovery support specialist; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2021, Section 3-318, is

amended to read as follows:

Section 3-318. A. The Board of Mental Health and Substance

Abuse Services shall promulgate rules and standards for

certification of behavioral health case managers who are:

1 1. Employed by the state, a municipality, or county;

2 2. Employed by behavioral services providers contracting with

3 the state to provide behavioral health services;

4 3. Employed by organizations certified by the Department of

5 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services;

6 4. Employed by a tribe or tribal facility that provides

7 behavioral health services; or

8 4. 5. Employed by an Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs or

9 a United States Department of Veterans Affairs facility.

10 B. Such rules and standards shall address criteria for

11 certification and renewal, including minimum education requirements,

12 examination and supervision requirements, continuing education

13 requirements, and rules of professional conduct.

14 C. Application for certification as a behavioral health case

15 manager shall be made to the Department of Mental Health and

16 Substance Abuse Services on prescribed forms. The Board, or the

17 Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services upon

18 delegation by the Board, may certify the behavioral health case

19 manager for a period of two (2) years subject to renewal as provided

20 in the rules promulgated by the Board.

21 D. The Board is authorized to establish an application and

22 renewal fee of no more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to defray

23 the costs incurred in the certification process.

1 E. Behavioral health case managers certified by the Board or
2 the Commissioner shall only use the title "certified behavioral
3 health case manager" if employed by the state, a municipality, or
4 county, employed by behavioral services providers contracting with
5 the state to provide behavioral health services, employed by
6 organizations certified by the Department of Mental Health and
7 Substance Abuse Services, employed by a tribe or tribal facility
8 that provides behavioral health services or employed by an Oklahoma
9 Department of Veterans Affairs or a United States Department of
10 Veterans Affairs facility. This section shall not be construed to
11 permit the certified behavioral health case manager to practice any
12 of the following professions or use the following titles unless also
13 licensed or accredited by the appropriate authority: physician,
14 psychologist, clinical social worker, professional counselor,
15 marital and family therapist, behavioral practitioner, or alcohol
16 and drug counselor.

17 F. Failure to comply with rules and standards promulgated by
18 the Board shall be grounds for revocation, suspension or nonrenewal
19 of certification.

20 G. No behavioral health case manager shall operate or continue
21 to operate as a behavioral health case manager unless the case
22 manager complies with the rules promulgated by the Board and is
23 certified as required by this section.

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2021, Section 3-326, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 Section 3-326. A. The Board of Mental Health and Substance
4 Abuse Services shall promulgate rules for certification of peer
5 recovery support specialists who are:

6 1. Employed by the state, a municipality, or county;

7 2. Employed by a behavioral services provider contracting with
8 the state to provide behavioral health services;

9 3. Employed by a behavioral services provider certified by the
10 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. Provided,
11 however, that certification as a peer recovery support specialist
12 pursuant to this subsection shall be limited to providing services
13 within the employer's area of certification;

14 4. Employed by a tribe or a tribal facility that provides
15 behavioral health services; or

16 5. Employed by an Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs or a
17 United States Department of Veterans Affairs facility.

18 B. Such rules shall address criteria for certification and
19 renewal, including minimum education requirements, examination and
20 supervision requirements, continuing education requirements, and
21 rules of professional conduct.

22 C. Application for certification as a peer recovery support
23 specialist shall be made to the Department of Mental Health and
24 Substance Abuse Services on prescribed forms. The Board, or the

1 Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services upon
2 delegation by the Board, may certify the peer recovery support
3 specialist for a period of two (2) years subject to renewal as
4 provided in the rules promulgated by the Board.

5 D. The Board is authorized to establish an application and
6 renewal fee of no more than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to defray
7 the costs incurred in the certification process.

8 E. A peer recovery support specialist certified by the Board or
9 the Commissioner shall only use the title "certified peer recovery
10 support specialist" if employed by the state, a municipality, or
11 county, employed by behavioral services providers contracting with
12 or certified by the state to provide behavioral health services,
13 employed by a tribe or tribal facility that provides behavioral
14 health services or employed by an Oklahoma Department of Veterans
15 Affairs or a United States Department of Veterans Affairs facility.
16 This section shall not be construed to permit the certified peer
17 recovery support specialist to practice any of the following
18 professions or use the following titles unless also licensed or
19 accredited by the appropriate authority:

- 20 1. Physician;
- 21 2. Psychologist;
- 22 3. Clinical social worker;
- 23 4. Professional counselor;
- 24 5. Marital and family therapist;

1 6. Behavioral practitioner; or
2 7. Alcohol and drug counselor.

3 F. No peer recovery support specialist shall operate or
4 continue to operate as a peer recovery support specialist unless the
5 peer recovery support specialist complies with the rules promulgated
6 by the Board and is certified as required by this section.

7 G. Failure to comply with rules promulgated by the Board shall
8 be grounds for revocation, suspension, or nonrenewal of
9 certification.

10 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
13 OVERSIGHT, dated 02/12/2026 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.
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