

**TITLE 310. OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
CHAPTER 678. OFFICE OF CLIENT ADVOCACY**

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking.

PROPOSED RULES:

Chapter 678. Office of Client Advocacy

SUMMARY:

SB 1709 directed the transfer of employees, powers, duties, monies, contractual rights, and certain administrative rules from the Office of Client Advocacy within the Department of Human Services (OCA) to the Oklahoma State Department of Health (Department) effective November 1, 2024. The legislation transfers all duties and authority of OCA to the Commissioner of Health and the Department. The proposed rule amendments remove the reference of the Department of Human Services and its authority and replaces it throughout with the designation of the Commissioner of Health and the Department as the authority for OCA.

AUTHORITY:

Commissioner of Health, 63 O.S. § 1-104; 10A O.S. §1-9-112; 10A O.S. §1-9-112a; 10A O.S. §1-9-117; 43A O.S. §10-115; 10 O.S. §1430.27.

COMMENT PERIOD:

December 2, 2024 through the close of the Department's normal business hours, 5 PM, on January 2, 2025. Interested persons may informally discuss the proposed rules with the contact person identified below; or may, through the close of the Department's normal business hours, 5 PM, on January 2, 2025 you may submit written comment to the contact person identified below, or may, at the hearing, ask to present written or oral views.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Pursuant to 75 O.S. § 303(A), the public hearing for the proposed rulemaking in this chapter shall be on January 2, 2025 at the Oklahoma State Department of Health Auditorium, 123 Robert S. Kerr Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The meeting may adjourn earlier if all attendees who signed up to comment have completed giving their comments. The alternate date and time in the event of an office closure due to inclement weather is January 6, 2025 in the Auditorium, from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Those wishing to present oral comments should be present at that time to register to speak. The hearing will close at the conclusion of those registering to speak. Interested persons may attend for the purpose of submitting data, views or concerns, orally or in writing, about the rule proposal described and summarized in this Notice. Validated parking will be provided for the parking lot located at the east corner of Broadway and Robert S. Kerr Avenue, subject to availability.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

Business entities affected by these proposed rules are requested to provide the agency with information, in dollar amounts if possible, on the increase in the level of direct costs such as fees, and indirect costs such as reporting, recordkeeping, equipment, construction, labor, professional services, revenue loss, or other costs expected to be incurred by a particular entity due to compliance with the proposed rule. Business entities may submit this information in writing through January 2, 2024, to the contact person identified below.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

The proposed rules may be obtained for review from the contact person identified below or via the agency website at www.ok.gov/health.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S., § 303(D), a rule impact statement is available through the contact person identified below or via the agency website at www.ok.gov/health.

CONTACT PERSON:

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