

Rule Impact Statement
Title 75. Attorney General
Chapter 50. Opioid Settlement Payments and Abatement Grants
Permanent Rules under OKLA. ADMIN. CODE § 75:50

This Rule Impact Statement has been prepared pursuant to 75 O.S.Supp.2025, § 303(D)(1).

I. Statement of need and legal basis

In accordance with title 74, section 30.7(G) of the Oklahoma Statutes, the proposed rules are necessary to implement the provisions of the Political Subdivisions Opioid Abatement Grants Act.

II. Classification of the rule(s) and justification for classification.

The Office of the Attorney General classifies the proposed permanent rules as nonmajor as they are not intended to require additional implementation and compliance costs. To the extent that there may be annual implementation and compliance costs associated with these new rules, the Attorney General believes that they will be de minimis if not zero.

III. Description of the proposed rule(s).

The proposed rules amending Chapter 50 include correction of grammatical or typographical errors; identification of uses of opioid settlement funds that are inconsistent with opioid abatement and will be denied by the Board; requirement of grantees to maintain and submit supporting documentation of all purchases, expenditures, and activities paid with using opioid abatement grant funds; mandating that payments to third parties be made as reimbursements instead of up-front payments; capping indirect costs to five percent (5%) that can be covered by opioid abatement grant funds; renumbering subsections; revision of the appeals process to submissions in writing; limitation on grant award appeals to the application submitted and only to reasons of denial in the rejection letter; permission to an appealing applicant to appear before the Board; narrowing of the Board's review of an appeal to the applicant's written submission and questions from Board members; restructuring of the process for bringing non-compliant grant recipients back into compliance; and authorization from the Board to the Attorney General to develop grounds and procedures to terminate grant agreements subject to the Board's approval.

The proposed rules are not mandated by federal law or required for participation in or implementation in a federally subsidized or assisted program. Because the proposed rules have no federal equivalent, they do not exceed any federal law requirements.

- IV. Description of the classes of persons who most likely will be affected by the proposed rule(s), including classes that will bear the costs of the proposed rule(s), and any information on cost impacts received by the agency from any private or public entities.**

The proposed rules may affect municipalities, counties, school districts, technology school districts, public trusts, and public institutions of higher education applying for an opioid abatement grant as well as those who are already grantees.

- V. Description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rule(s).**

The proposed rules will benefit individuals suffering from opioid use disorder and assist the Board in providing direction to applicants and grantees.

- VI. Comprehensive analysis of the rules' economic impact.**

The proposed rules will have a neutral economic impact on the agency, affected classes, affected businesses, business sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, state or local government entities, and the state economy as a whole. No fee changes are proposed. However, the Office of the Attorney General hopes to see lasting positive impacts on the state economy and local economies by assisting individuals battling opioid use disorder and giving them resources to become productive members of society who work and pay taxes.

At this time, the Office of the Attorney General does not anticipate negative impacts or increases to the number of full-time employees, an increase in costs or benefits. Further, as stated above, any implementation and compliance costs, as defined by title 75, section 250.3(8) of the Oklahoma Statutes, on affected businesses, business sectors, public utility ratepayers, individuals, state or local government units, and state economy as a whole are either zero or de minimis.

- VII. Detailed explanation of methodology and assumptions used to determine the economic impact.**

Considering the anticipated neutral economic impact of these proposed rules, the Office of the Attorney General did not utilize any specific methodology or assumptions to determine the proposed rules' economic impact.

- VIII. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule(s) will have an economic impact on any political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule(s).**

Implementation of the proposed rules will not have a negative economic impact on any political subdivisions or require their cooperation in the implementation of the rules.

- IX. Determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule(s) may have an adverse economic effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.**

Implementation of the proposed rules will not have an adverse impact on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act, 75 O.S.2021, §§ 501–507.

X. Measures taken to minimize the cost and impact of the proposed rule on business and economic development in this state, local government units of this state, and individuals.

Considering the anticipated neutral economic impact of these rules, no measures were necessary to minimize the cost and impact of the proposed rules on business and economic development in this state, local government units of the State, and individuals.

XI. Determination of the effect of the proposed rule(s) on the public health, safety and environment and, if the proposed rule(s) is/are designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety and environment, an explanation of the nature of the risk and to what extent the proposed rule will reduce the risk.

The proposed rules will enhance the public safety and health by encouraging political subdivisions to actively remove opioids of the streets and to direct services to those battling opioid use disorder.

XII. Determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety and environment if the proposed rule(s) is/are not implemented.

If not implemented, public safety will be impacted by the Board’s inability to recapture misspent or unspent opioid grant funds. This will impair the overall efficacy of the State’s opioid abatement efforts.

XIII. Analysis of Alternatives to Adopting the Rule(s)

Considering the definition of “rule” in title 75, section 250.3(20) (Supp. 2025) of the Oklahoma Statutes, there is no alternative to adopting the rule.

XIV. Estimated Time Spent by State Employees to Develop Rule and Other Resources Used in Developing Rule

The Office of the Attorney General estimates that less than two hours were spent in developing the rules.

XV. Summary and Preliminary Comparison of Any Existing or Proposed Federal Regulations Intended to Address the Activities to be Regulated by Proposed Administrative Rules

There are no existing or proposed federal equivalents to the proposed rules.

XVI. Date the rule impact statement was prepared and if modified, the date modified.

The Oklahoma Office of the Attorney General prepared this rule impact statement on November 24, 2025.