



IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF  
**HEALTH & WELFARE**

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TO: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAKEHOLDERS, PROVIDERS, AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE  
DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

RE: 2016 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IDAPA RULE CHANGE

Effective July 1, 2016, the Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Behavioral Health will offer a Behavioral Health Program approval under IDAPA 16.07.15. This new rule replaces the existing substance use disorder facility approval rule, IDAPA 16.07.20, which will be repealed as of July 1, 2016. IDAPA 16.07.17 – Alcohol and Substance Use Disorders Services has been updated to include substance use disorders recovery support services and treatment programs and requirements, including: case management; alcohol and drug screening; child care; transportation; life skills; staffed safe and sober housing for adolescents; and staffed safe and sober housing for adults.

This change is the result of a statewide negotiated rulemaking process that included partnering agencies, contractors, providers, and other system stakeholders. This change will further efforts to integrate Idaho's mental health and substance use disorders systems by establishing uniform requirements for health, safety, environment of care, and program administration.

All behavioral health providers in the state of Idaho will be impacted and should be aware of the changes the new rule brings. Additional information regarding the scope and impacts of this change will be issued before July 1, 2016.

For reference, you may find the proposed rules in the Idaho Administrative Bulletin on the Idaho Department of Administration website at:

<http://adminrules.idaho.gov/bulletin/2015/09.pdf>

16.07.15 – Behavioral Health Programs, pg. 157  
16.07.17 – Alcohol and Substance Use Disorders, pg. 178  
16.07.20 – Alcohol and Substance Use Disorders (repeal), pg. 201