



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Related to the Expiration of Idaho Administrative Code (IDAPA) 16.07.15 – Behavioral Health Programs

1. **Question:** When is 16.07.15 (Behavioral Health Program Approval Rule) expiring?

Answer: This rule will expire on the final day of Idaho’s 2020 Legislative session (Sine Die). Although the exact date is uncertain, sessions generally end in March or April.

2. **Question:** What happens to my current approval once the rule chapter expires?

Answer: Once the rule chapter expires all approvals will become void, regardless of the expiration date listed on the approval. In short, without a corresponding chapter of Idaho Administrative Code, the approvals have no legal foundation or authority.

3. **Question:** When is the deadline for applying for Behavioral Health Program Approval?

Answer: The Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) will accept new applications from Behavioral Health Programs until 12/31/19. For programs that currently have state approval, the renewal application process will remain unchanged until the rule expires.

4. **Question:** 16.07.15 discusses a process for Peer Support Specialists, Family Support Partners and Recovery Coaches to obtain Background Check Waivers. Is this process going away?

Answer: DBH is committed to maintaining a robust workforce of peers in Idaho. DBH will continue to issue Background Check Waivers to Peer Support Specialists, Family Support Partners and Recovery Coaches on a case by case basis. Further information can be found [here](#).

5. **Question:** My agency uses Behavioral Health Program Approval to meet network credentialing requirements for some commercial health insurance networks. How will this change impact me?

Answer: While we recognize that some commercial healthcare plans have incorporated Behavioral Health Program approval into their network credentialing criteria, it is not a license, accreditation or certification and is not required to operate a behavioral health treatment program in Idaho. The Division’s early notification of this change is intended to give treatment programs sufficient time to notify and/or work with their funding sources on the transition.

6. **Question:** Programs seeking to be recognized as “DUI Evaluation Providers” currently need approval under IDAPA 16.07.15 as a first step. How will this change impact these programs?

Answer: Effective 1/1/20, DBH will no longer require anyone seeking recognition as a “DUI Evaluation Provider” to have approval under IDAPA 16.07.15. Further information can be found [here](#).