

Ohio Legislative Service Commission

Synopsis of House Committee Amendments

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Chemical dependency counselors

Modifies the Senate-passed provisions regarding the experience requirements that must be met by an applicant seeking a chemical dependency counselor license, as follows:

--Counselor II: Removes provisions that would have allowed the experience requirements to be met with practicum or field placement experience, while retaining the Senate-passed provisions allowing the requirements to be met with compensated work or supervised internship experience.

--Counselor III: Adds a provision that allows the experience requirements to be met with supervised experience, in addition to the Senate-passed provision allowing the requirements to be met with compensated work experience

Nursing facility Medicaid reimbursement and wheelchair costs

Adds a provision that modifies existing law governing the Medicaid reimbursement rate for a nursing facility by excluding wheelchair costs from the direct care costs that are used in determining the facility's reimbursement rate, thereby permitting wheelchair providers for residents of the facility to bill the Medicaid program directly for reimbursement (rather than being required to obtain reimbursement from the facility).