

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT

TITLE 75. ATTORNEY GENERAL

CHAPTER 1. ADMINISTRATION

Subchapter 1. General Information [AMENDED]

Subchapter 3. Contracts for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services [AMENDED]

(a) Purpose of the Proposed Rules: These rules are promulgated pursuant to the requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. § 250, et seq. The purpose of these rules is to effectively implement and enforce the provisions of Title 74 § 18p-1 *et seq.* of the Oklahoma Statutes. These rules supplement existing state and federal laws, and being duly promulgated, have the force and effect of law. Amendments are necessary to clarify the entity with procedural authority.

(b) Classes Affected: All domestic violence and sexual assault, adult human sex trafficking and batterers intervention programs that are currently certified or will make application to become certified by the Attorney General will be affected. These rules set forth administrative requirements of the Victims Services Unit and the procedure which will be used during the certification and contracting process as well as in individual administrative proceedings.

(c) Persons Benefitted: All service providers desiring certification by the Attorney General will benefit by the administrative process.

(d) Probable Economic Impact:

1. On Affected Classes: These rules will have no economic impact on affected classes other than resources necessary for programs to meet certification standards and criteria.

2. On Political Subdivisions: These rules will not have an economic impact on political subdivisions.

3. Description of fees and explanation/justification for each of the changes: The proposed amendments do not include any changes to fees incurred by domestic violence and sexual assault agencies.

(e) Probable Costs to the Agency: All expenses related to the creation of the Victims Services Unit come from appropriations to the Office of the Attorney General or federal grants. Thirteen (13) FTEs are currently dedicated to the Unit. No additional costs will ensue as a result of the amendments.

(f) Impact on Political Subdivisions: No cooperation from political subdivisions will be necessary to implement the program.

(g) Adverse Effect on Small Business: These rules will have no adverse impact on small business.

(h) Compliance Costs and Other Less Intrusive Methods: These methods are the least intrusive methods currently available since the oversight responsibility of domestic violence and sexual assault programs was transferred to the Office of the Attorney General on July 1, 2005.

(i) Effect on Public Health, Safety, and Environment: These rules do not necessarily have an effect on public health, safety, and environment. Positive effects are expected due to the fact that programs certified by the Attorney General provide direct services which ensure safety and ongoing resources to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

(j) Effect of Non-Implementation on Public Health, Safety, and Environment: Non-implementation of these rules will not necessarily affect public health, safety, and the environment per se, but may impact safety of clients in certified domestic violence and sexual assault programs.

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