

On November 19, 2007 the Division of Child Behavioral Health Services (DCBHS), within the Department of Children and Families (DCF), proposed new rules at N.J.A.C. 10:200 to establish standards and requirements for in-community mental health rehabilitative services for children, youth and young adults – often referred to as IIC/BA (Intensive In-community and Behavioral Assistance). In accordance with rulemaking standards at N.J.A.C. 1:30, DCBHS accepted public comments, both written and that presented at a public hearing, concerning the proposed new rules.

DCBHS valued all of the comments it received from individuals representing the broad spectrum of stakeholders. After careful consideration, DCBHS chose not to adopt these new rules at this time. DCBHS intends to re-propose new rules, substantially consistent with the previous proposal, in the near future. The public will again be provided an opportunity to review and provide comment on the re-proposed new rules. We hope that the public will again use the mechanisms for response to the regulations delineated in the New Jersey Register.

Currently, there is language at N.J.A.C. 10:77-4 and 5 that address in-community mental health rehabilitative services. The existing rules at N.J.A.C. 10:77-4 and 5 are jointly administered by DCF and the Department of Human Services. Until such time as proposed new DCBHS rules are adopted, N.J.A.C. 10:77-4 and 5 will continue to remain in force. Present practice will remain the same.