

CORRECTIONS

THE COMMISSIONER

Administration, Organization, and Management

Readoption with Amendments: N.J.A.C. 10A:1

Adopted Repeal: N.J.A.C. 10A:1-3.7

Adopted New Rule: N.J.A.C. 10A:1-3.8

Proposed: December 19, 2022, at 54 N.J.R. 2363(a).

Adopted: March 13, 2023, by Victoria L. Kuhn, Commissioner, Department of Corrections.

Filed: March 30, 2023, as R.2023 d.053, **with non-substantial changes** not requiring additional public notice and comment (see N.J.A.C. 1:30-6.3).

Authority: N.J.S.A. 30:1B-6 and 30:1B-10.

Effective Dates: March 30, 2023, Readoption;

May 1, 2023, Amendments, Repeal, and New Rule.

Expiration Date: March 30, 2030.

Summary of Public Comment and Agency Response:

No comments were received.

Summary of Agency-Issued Change upon Adoption:

Following publication of the notice of proposed readoption with amendments, repeal, and new rule, the Department of Corrections (Department) became made aware that the telephone number in the rules for the Corrections Ombudsperson was incorrect and that the Office of the Ombudsperson had added two new toll-free numbers for inmates in Residential Community Reintegration Programs and for the general public to call. The Department is making agency-issued changes upon adoption to make these corrections. Please note that the telephone number

requiring correction appeared in the rules proposed for readoption with amendments, repeals, and new rules only. The correct number appeared in all literature and notices from the Office of the Ombudsperson available to inmates in correctional facilities. The agency-issued changes are at N.J.A.C. 10A:1-1.3(b) adding a colon and new bullet point “i” following “free call,” using the remainder of the sentence without change except the phone number at the end, which has been replaced with (609) 633-2596. Two additional toll-free numbers have also been added to provide further access to the Ombudsperson and are being added to the rules at N.J.A.C. 10A:1-1.3(b)ii and iii.

Federal Standards Statement

The rules readopted with amendments, a repeal, and a new rule are promulgated pursuant to the authority of the rulemaking requirements of the Department of Corrections, as established at N.J.S.A. 30:1B-6 and 30:1B-10. The rules readopted with amendments, a repeal, and a new rule are not subject to any Federal statutes, requirements, or standards; even though they include processes related to the Americans with Disabilities Act, those processes are in compliance with the Act and a Federal standards analysis is not required.

Full text of the readopted rules can be found in the New Jersey Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 10A:1.

Full text of the adopted amendments and new rule follows (additions to proposal indicated in boldface with asterisks ***thus***; deletions from proposal indicated in brackets with asterisks *[thus]*):

SUBCHAPTER 1. OPERATION, PROCEDURES, AND RULEMAKING ACTIVITY OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

10A:1-1.3 Public and inmate information requests

(a) (No change.)

(b) Inmates requesting information or services may contact the Corrections Ombudsperson by mail at PO Box 855, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0855 or by making a toll-free call

*[within]**:*

1. Within a correctional facility, using a pin number that is assigned by the Department of Corrections. This toll-free number is (555) 555-5555. A toll call can also be made to (609) *[292-8020.]* ***633-2596;**

2. While participating in a Residential Community Reintegration Program by calling (800) 305-1811; and

3. As a member of the public by calling (888) 909-3244.*

(c)-(d) (No change.)