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Readoption: N.J.A.C. 3A:56 

Manual of Requirements for Children’s Group Homes 

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Notice of Readoption 

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Authorized By: Christine Norbut Beyer, Commissioner, Department of Children and Families. 

Effective Date: December 1, 2021. New Expiration Date: December 1, 2028. 

Take notice that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c, Manual of Requirements for Children’s Group Homes for the Department of Children and Families were scheduled to expire on May 16, 2021. Pursuant to Executive Order Nos. 127 (2020) and 244 (2021) and P.L. 2021, c. 103, any chapter of the New Jersey Administrative Code that would otherwise have expired during the Public Health Emergency originally declared in Executive Order No. 103 (2020) is extended through January 1, 2022. Therefore, this chapter has not yet expired and the 30-day filing date pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c has not yet occurred, therefore, pursuant to Executive Order No. 244 (2021), and P.L. 2021, c. 103, this notice of readoption is timely filed. 

The Department of Children and Families has reviewed N.J.A.C. 3A:56 and has found the chapter to be necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purpose for which it was originally promulgated in 1978. The last amendments to the rules were effective in 2014. 

A summary of each subchapter at N.J.A.C. 3A:56 follows: 

Subchapter 1 states the legal authority for the chapter and the definitions for terms used in the chapter. 

Subchapter 2 states the procedures to obtain a certificate of approval from the Office of Licensing (OOL), to have an administrative hearing, and complaints received by OOL. Additionally, this subchapter addresses the authority and process for OOL’s determination to deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a certificate of approval, and the opportunity of the home or agency to request an administrative hearing concerning those actions. Further, this subchapter provides for investigation of complaints, and states that OOL’s licensure records are public records. 

Subchapter 3 states the requirements related to the administration of a group home, including a mandated statement of the rights of children. 

Subchapter 4 states the physical facility requirements for group homes. 

Subchapter 5 states the requirements for the director and staff of a group home. 

Subchapter 6 states the requirements for programs to be provided to children living in group homes, among them, where appropriate, treatment plans. 

Subchapter 7 states the health requirements for children living in group homes and staff who work in group homes. This subchapter delineates the requirements for preparing and implementing a comprehensive health plan to ensure that each child’s medical, dental, mental health, and other health needs are met adequately and promptly. 

Subchapter 8 states the transportation requirements for vehicles used to transport children living in group homes. 

Subchapter 9 states the rules for having children in group homes participate in adventure activities. 

Subchapter 10 provides additional requirements for services to pregnant and parenting adolescents and their children while living in group homes. 

The Department of Children and Families has reviewed these rules and found them to be necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purposes in which they were originally promulgated, as required by Executive Order No. 66 (1978). Therefore, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), these rules are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period. 

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS 

DIVISION OF CODES AND STANDARDS 

Notice of Administrative Correction 

Uniform Construction Code 

N.J.A.C. 5:23-4D.3 

Effective Date: November 29, 2021. 

Take notice that the Department of Community Affairs (Department) discovered an error in the text of the Uniform Construction Code related to the rules concerning recreational park trailers. On August 20, 2018, at 50 N.J.R. 1888(a), the Department adopted amendments to update the subchapter of the Uniform Construction Code, N.J.A.C. 5:23-4D, that governs the design, manufacture, and installation of recreational park trailers intended for installation in the State of New Jersey. In doing so, the reference to the American National Standard Institute (ANSI) A119.5 Standard for Park Model Recreational Vehicles was updated from the 2005 edition to the 2015 edition. However, the subchapter deletes two sentences that relate to the application of the standard regardless of width. The adoption overlooked the placement of this language in the 2015 standard. This notice of administrative correction revises the section to delete the intended sentence. 

The Department has requested, and the Office of Administrative Law has agreed, to such correction be made administratively. This notice of administrative correction is published pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-2.7. 

Full text of the corrected rule follows (additions indicated in boldface thus; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]): 

SUBCHAPTER 4D. RECREATIONAL PARK TRAILERS 

5:23-4D.3 Standards 

(a) Regulations concerning recreational park trailers are follows: 

1.-2. (No change.) 

3. Chapter 5, Construction Requirements, shall be amended as follows: 

i.-iv. (No change.) 

v. In Section 5-3.5.2, delete the [second] fourth sentence. 

vi. In Section 5-3.5.3, delete the [third] fourth sentence. 

[vii. In Section 5-3.5.4, delete the fourth sentence.] 

Recodify existing viii.-xii. as viii.-xii. (No change in text.) 

4. (No change.) 

EDUCATION 

COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION 

Renaissance Schools 

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Adopted New Rule: N.J.A.C. 6A:31-4.4 

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