

ADOPTIONS SECTION

HEALTH

NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON SPINAL CORD RESEARCH

Notice of Readoption

Administration and Operation of the New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research, the New Jersey Spinal Cord Research Fund, and the New Jersey Spinal Cord Injury Registry

Readoption with Technical Changes: N.J.A.C. 8:94

Authority: N.J.S.A. 52:9E-1 et seq., particularly 52:9E-5.a, 8.b, and 10.

Authorized By: New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research, John Del Colle,
Chair.

Effective Dates: October 28, 2021, Readoption;
 December 6, 2021, Technical Changes.

New Expiration Date: October 28, 2028.

Take notice that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research (Commission) hereby readopts N.J.A.C. 8:94, Administration and Operation of the New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research, the New Jersey Spinal Cord Research Fund, and the New Jersey Spinal Cord Injury Registry, which was scheduled to expire on January 26, 2022.

N.J.S.A. 52:9E-1 et seq., the Spinal Cord Research Act (Act), establishes the New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research (Commission) and the New Jersey Spinal Cord Research Fund (Fund). The Act charges the Commission to administer the Fund, which is a grant program to finance research for the development of treatments

and cures for spinal cord injuries and diseases that damage the spinal cord. The Act further charges the Commission to establish and maintain a central registry (registry) of persons who have sustained spinal cord injuries other than through disease. The registry is to indicate the incidence and prevalence of spinal cord injuries and serve as a resource for research, evaluation, and information on spinal cord injuries and available services. N.J.A.C. 8:94 implements the Commission's mandates described above and establishes standards for the administration and operation of the Commission.

Subchapter 1, General Provisions, sets forth the purpose, scope, and definitions for the chapter. Subchapter 2, Operation of the Commission, establishes the rules governing the internal administration of the Commission. Subchapter 3, Competitive Grant Awards Cycle, sets forth the process to apply and the criteria to obtain grant funding from the Commission. Subchapter 4, The Spinal Cord Injury Registry, establishes the registry and reporting requirements for healthcare providers.

The Commission has reviewed N.J.A.C. 8:94 and has determined that, subject to the technical changes described below, the existing chapter remains necessary, proper, reasonable, efficient, understandable, and responsive to the purposes for which the Department originally promulgated it, as amended and supplemented over time, and, with technical changes, should be readopted.

The Commission is making technical changes throughout the chapter to reflect the redesignation of the Department pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:1A-2.1, correct spelling, correct rule citations, correct the address and phone number of the Commission, and to update references to publications that the chapter incorporates by reference, as amended and supplemented.

Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, N.J.A.C. 8:94 is readopted and shall continue in effect for seven years.

Full text of the technical changes follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]):

SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

8:94-1.3 Definitions

The following words and terms, as used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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"Assault and homicide circumstances" means the variables (if available) that were precipitating factors of the spinal cord injury. These factors are defined by the National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) version [4] **5** coding manual, incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented. To obtain a copy of the manual, contact the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, MS F-63, 4770 Buford Highway NE, Atlanta, GA 30341-3717, **or visit www.cdc.gov/injury**.

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"Commission" shall mean as defined at N.J.S.A. 52:9E-2[a]**b**.

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"Health care facility" or "facility" means a facility licensed by the Department of Health [and Senior Services] pursuant to P.L. 1971, c. 136 (N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq.), and any amendments thereto.

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"[ICD-9-CM] **ICD-10-CM**" refers to the International Classification of Diseases, [Ninth] **Tenth** Revision, Clinical Modification, incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented. To obtain a copy of the [ICD-9-CM] **ICD-10-CM**, contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, 3311 Toledo Road, Room 5419, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

"Institutional support services" shall mean as defined at N.J.S.A. 52:9E-2[a]c.

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"Qualifying research institution" shall mean as defined at N.J.S.A. 52:9E-2[a]d.

SUBCHAPTER 2. OPERATION OF THE COMMISSION

8:94-2.2 Office of the Commission

(a)-(d) (No change.)

(e) The official address of the Commission and its Office is for all purposes as follows:

New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research

[225 East State Street, 2nd Floor West] **25 S. Stockton Street, 2nd Floor Rear**

[P.O.] **PO** Box 360

Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0360

Tel: [(609) 292-4055] **609-913-5005**

Fax: (609) 943-4213

SUBCHAPTER 3. COMPETITIVE GRANT AWARDS CYCLE

8:94-3.10 Commission review and approval

(a) (No change.)

(b) Any Commission member who has any relationship, interest, association, or other connection with a prospective grant recipient or sponsoring entity shall [rescue] **recuse** himself or herself in accordance with the Commission's by-laws.

SUBCHAPTER 4. THE SPINAL CORD INJURY REGISTRY

8:94-4.2 Reporting requirements

(a)-(c) (No change.)

(d) For each case of trauma resulting in spinal cord injury, the reporting hospital shall report such data as is required by the Registry Manager. The data required for each report shall include, at a minimum, the following:

1.-3. (No change.)

4. Injury description and diagnoses:

i.-vi. (No change.)

vii. [ICD-9-CM] **ICD-10-CM** Volume I diagnosis code(s);

viii.-x. (No change.)

5. (No change.)

6. Treatment and outcomes:

i. [ICD-9-CM] **ICD-10-CM** Volume III procedure code(s);

ii.-viii. (No change.)

7. (No change.)

8:94-4.6 Audit, notice of violations, and enforcement actions

(a)-(e) (No change.)

(f) A health care facility or health care provider shall have 30 business days in which to correct all deficiencies in its reporting that were discovered during the audit.

1. (No change.)

2. All checks for fees for the Department's audit services shall be made payable to "Treasurer, State of New Jersey" and forwarded to:

New Jersey Commission on Spinal Cord Research

New Jersey Department of Health

[225 East State Street, 2nd Floor West] **25 S. Stockton Street, 2nd Floor Rear**

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Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0360

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