

and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. Therefore, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 45, these rules shall continue in effect for a seven-year period.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

### (a)

#### LEGAL, REGULATORY, AND ENFORCEMENT POLICY

#### BUREAU OF LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

#### Notice of Readoption Noise Control

#### Readoption: N.J.A.C. 7:29

Authority: N.J.S.A. 13:1G-1 et seq.

Authorized By: Ed Posotnak, Acting Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection.

Effective Date: February 17, 2026.

New Expiration Date: February 17, 2033.

**Take notice** that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, Noise Control, N.J.A.C. 7:29, is readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period. The rules were scheduled to expire on April 11, 2026. The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed these rules and determined that they should be readopted because they are necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), timely filing of this notice extends the expiration date of the chapter seven years from the date of filing.

N.J.A.C. 7:29 implements the Noise Control Act, N.J.S.A. 13:G-1 et seq., and establishes standards and procedures to ensure that the citizens of New Jersey have an environment free of noise that unnecessarily degrades their quality of life and health. The rules establish permissible sound level limits from stationary sources of commercial, industrial, and community service facilities; establish procedures for determining noise from stationary sources; define the acceptable testing methods and measurement principles required for proper enforcement; govern the initiation of enforcement actions and the imposition of civil penalties for violations of the chapter; and outline noise source exemptions.

The Department is currently in the process of updating the existing rules after a nearly eight-year collaborative effort between stakeholders, the Department, the Rutgers Noise Technical Assistance Center, and the New Jersey Noise Control Council. A notice of proposal was published in the New Jersey Register on June 16, 2025, amending the Noise Control rules to add, remove, and update definitions, clarify content, maintain consistency, eliminate redundancy, replace antiquated references, cite the proper standards, and update measurement procedures and sound level measurement device requirements to reflect modern technology in broad use. Any further action on the proposed amendments, including the anticipated adoption of these amendments, would be the subject of a separate notice in the New Jersey Register.

## HUMAN SERVICES

### (b)

#### OFFICE OF PROGRAM INTEGRITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

#### Notice of Readoption

#### Standards for Community Residences for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

#### Readoption: N.J.A.C. 10:44A

Authority: N.J.S.A. 30:6-32 and 30:11B-1 et seq., specifically 30:11B-4.

Authorized By: Dr. Stephen Cha, Acting Commissioner, Department of Human Services.

Effective Date: February 17, 2026.

New Expiration Date: February 17, 2033.

**Take notice** that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, N.J.A.C. 10:44A, Standards for Community Residences for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities, was scheduled to expire on March 29, 2026. This chapter sets forth the rules to establish minimum requirements for the provision of residential services to individuals with developmental disabilities residing in a variety of program models, to include group homes, supervised apartments, and supportive living.

The following is a summary of the subchapters at N.J.A.C. 10:44A.

Subchapter 1 specifies general provisions and licensing procedures, including purpose and scope; severability; definitions; application for licensure; procedure manual; issuance of an initial license; renewal of a license; denial, revocation, non-renewal, or suspension of a license; administrative hearings; waiver or variance; complaints; and voluntary closure.

Subchapter 2 specifies requirements for organization and administration, including general requirements; development and maintenance of the procedure manual; implementation of the procedure manual; personnel; minimum staff qualifications; orientation; staff training; staff coverage; records for individuals receiving services; and individual financial records for individual funds.

Subchapter 3 specifies requirements for advocacy and rights, including general requirements; rules governing a residence; and self-advocacy.

Subchapter 4 specifies requirements for service delivery/habitation, including pre-admission and admission; changes in supports/services; and individual habilitation plan.

Subchapter 5 specifies requirements for health and safety, including general health care; prescription medication; over-the-counter medications; emergency telephone numbers; food; clothing; vehicle safety; and workplace safety.

Subchapter 6 specifies requirements for fire safety and physical environment, including fire safety; fire evacuation plans; egress protocols; use group classification requirements; fire extinguishers; general home requirements; certificate of occupancy; exits; heat sources; water; railings, stairs, and hallways; windows; bedrooms; bathrooms; kitchens; basement use; and maintenance requirements.

The Department of Human Services (Department) recognizes that further rulemaking may be necessary to update these rules to be consistent with best practices and updated organizational changes.

The Department has reviewed the rules and has determined them to be necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purposes for which they were originally promulgated, as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:6-32 et seq. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), these rules should be readopted and continue in effect for a seven-year period and until substantial amendments are adopted.