## Department of Human Services Division of Developmental Disabilities Advance Notice

## **Background Checks**

To Whom It May Concern:

The New Jersey Department of Human Services (Department), Division of Developmental Disabilities (Division) intends to propose amendments to N.J.A.C. 10:48A, Background Checks. The amendments will reflect statutory changes since the rule was last readopted. In particular, P.L. 2017, c. 328, expanded the scope of background check requirements for people who serve individuals with developmental disabilities to include Community Care Residences. That law also requires the Department to determine whether an individual or entity is disqualified from providing Department-funded services based on the background checks, rather than a community agency board or community agency head. The proposed amendments to the rule will reflect these statutory changes. The Division will also propose additional technical amendments.

Interested parties may submit informal comments on this advance notice within thirty (30) days of its publication on the Department of Human Services' website. Please submit your informal comments to:

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You will also have a 60-day opportunity to submit formal comments on any actual proposed amendments subsequent to the publication of such proposal in the New Jersey Register. The proposal will also be published on the Department of Human Services' website.