Department of Human Services

Division of Mental Health and Addition Services

Advance Notice

Behavioral Health Program Service Standards

To Whom It May Concern:

The Department of Human Services, Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services, intends to propose new rules for codification as N.J.A.C. 10:36, Behavioral Health Program Service Standards (or some similar title).

These rules will set forth the minimum standards that govern the provision of behavioral health services provided to adults in outpatient settings licensed by the Department of Health (DOH) in New Jersey. More specifically, these rules will delineate standards for the following behavioral health programs, services and levels of care: outpatient mental health and/or addictive disorder; intensive outpatient addictive disorder; mental health partial care; addictive disorder partial care; and opioid treatment programs. These standards will be in addition to licensing facility standards set by DOH, and will be referenced in DOH’s licensing regulations.

As applicable, the rules will address general program operational requirements; staffing requirements; and core program service standards. In addition, the rules will set forth particular program standards for each level of care, including outpatient mental health service standards; outpatient addictive disorder service standards; addictive disorder intensive outpatient service standards; mental health partial care service standards; addictive disorder partial care standards; and opioid treatment program service standards.

This notice provides you with an opportunity to submit informal comments on this advance notice of the upcoming proposed rulemaking by **March 6, 2025**. You may 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 new rules subsequent to the publication of such proposal in the New Jersey Register. Such proposal will also be available on the Department of Human Services’ website.