reasonable, efficient, understandable, and responsive for the purposes for which it was originally promulgated, as amended and supplemented over time, and should be readopted. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), N.J.A.C. 8:58 is readopted and shall continue in effect for seven years.

HUMAN SERVICES

(a)

DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES

Notice of Readoption Family Support Services

Readoption with Technical Changes: N.J.A.C. 10:37I

Authority: N.J.S.A. 30:4-177.43 et seq., specifically, 30:4-177.52; and Reorganization Plan 001-2018.

Authorized By: Sarah Adelman, Commissioner, Department of Human Services.

Effective Dates: June 12, 2023, Readoption;

July 17, 2023, Technical Changes.

New Expiration Date: June 12, 2030.

Take notice that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the rules at N.J.A.C. 10:37I, Family Support Services, were scheduled to expire on October 25, 2023. The purpose of these rules is to govern the planning and delivery of family support services required pursuant to P.L. 1995, c. 314 (N.J.S.A. 30:4-177.43 et seq.), and funded by the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (Division), to families who provide care in the community for a family member with a serious mental illness.

The rules are comprised of five subchapters. Subchapter 1 sets forth the purpose and authority, scope, and definitions. Subchapter 2 defines the general eligibility. Subchapter 3 describes the role of the family support coordinator. Subchapter 4 details the responsibilities and membership of the regional and Statewide family support working groups. Subchapter 5 delineates the standards for the Intensive Family Support Services program including, scope and purpose, written policies and procedures, population priorities, admission criteria, criteria for termination of services, service planning and services to be provided, service coordination, assessment, service preferences and record documentation, staffing requirements, training, and quality assurance.

In addition to readopting the existing rules, the Department of Human Services (Department) is proposing technical changes consistent with Reorganization Plan No. 001-2018, under which the Division retained responsibility for program services on transfer to the Department, while licensing of mental health programs remained with the New Jersey Department of Health (DOH). With respect to the retention of licensing by the DOH, the technical changes address the recodification and readoption of N.J.A.C. 10:190, Licensure of Mental Health Programs, as N.J.A.C. 8:121, Licensure Standards for Mental Health Programs, by the DOH.

While the Department is readopting these rules with technical changes, it recognizes that further rulemaking may be necessary to update these rules to reflect current practices. Thus, the Department will continue to review the rules and may consider making substantive amendments prior to the next scheduled expiration.

The Department has reviewed the rules and has determined them to be necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:1-12 and 30:4-27.8-10, and 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.

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

SUBCHAPTER 5. INTENSIVE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES STANDARDS

10:37I-5.11 Quality assurance

(a) The PA shall comply with the quality assurance and licensure requirements as promulgated [in] at N.J.A.C. 10:37-9 and [10:190] 8:121, Licensure Standards for Mental Health Programs, respectively.

(b)-(h) (No change.)

(b)

DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND HEALTH SERVICES

Notice of Readoption

Community Support Services For Adults With Mental Illnesses

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 10:79B

Authority: N.J.S.A. 30:4D-1 et seq., and 30:4J-8 et seq.

Authorized By: Sarah Adelman, Commissioner, Department of Human Services.

Agency Control Number: 23-NA-01.

Effective Date: June 12, 2023.

New Expiration Date: June 12, 2030.

Take notice that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the rules at N.J.A.C. 10:79B, Community Support Services for Adults with Mental Illnesses, which provides the standards for providing, and obtaining reimbursement for, such services under the Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare program were scheduled to expire on August 15, 2023.

Community support services are mental health rehabilitation services and supports designed to assist an individual with mental illness to achieve and maintain a level of functioning that allows the individual to achieve community integration, and to remain in an independent living setting that they choose.

Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare-enrolled providers who are also under contract with the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS), which administers the program, provide Community Support Services for Adults with Mental Illnesses.

The readopted chapter includes two subchapters:

Subchapter 1 provides definitions used in the chapter, as well as information about the purpose and scope of the chapter and about provider eligibility.

Subchapter 2 sets forth rules related to beneficiary eligibility, program and licensure requirements, services offered, reimbursement, recordkeeping requirements, staffing requirements, and prior authorization procedures.

The Department of Human Services has reviewed the rules and has determined them to be necessary, reasonable, and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4D-1 et seq., and 30:4J-8 et seq., and 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.

(C)

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Notice of Readoption

Educational Services of the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 10:92

Authority: N.J.S.A. 30:1-2 and 30:6-1 et seq.

Authorized By: Sarah Adelman, Commissioner, Department of Human Services.