

**CHAPTER 37**

**COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT**

**Authority**

N.J.S.A. 30:1-12, 30:9A-10 and 30:9A-21.

**Source and Effective Date**

R.2007 d.37, effective December 27, 2006.  
See: 38 N.J.R. 2566(a), 39 N.J.R. 450(b).

**Chapter Expiration Date**

Chapter 37, Community Mental Health Services Act, expires on December 27, 2011.

**Chapter Historical Note**

Chapter 37, Community Mental Health Services Act, was adopted and became effective prior to September 30, 1969.

Subchapter 12, Conditions Governing State Grants for Construction Assistance for Community Mental Health Facilities, was adopted as new rules by R.1977 d.482, effective December 23, 1977. See: 9 N.J.R. 531(a), 10 N.J.R. 63(d).

Chapter 37, Community Mental Health Services Act, was repealed and Chapter 37, Community Mental Health Services Act, was adopted as new rules by R.1980 d.479, effective November 3, 1980. See: 12 N.J.R. 580(a), 12 N.J.R. 704(g).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 37, Community Mental Health Services Act, was readopted as R.1985 d.605, effective November 4, 1985. See: 17 N.J.R. 2222(a), 17 N.J.R. 2894(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 37, Community Mental Health Services Act, was readopted as R.1990 d.591, effective November 2, 1990. See: 22 N.J.R. 2915(a), 22 N.J.R. 3620(a).

Subchapter 12, Children's Partial Care Programs, was adopted as new rules by R.1993 d.355, effective July 19, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 669(a), 25 N.J.R. 3209(a).

Subchapter 9, Quality Assurance, and Subchapter 10, Site Review and Certification, were adopted as new rules by R.1993 d.412, effective August 16, 1993. See: 25 N.J.R. 2193(a), 25 N.J.R. 3782(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 37, Community Mental Health Services Act, was readopted as R.1995 d.596, effective October 26, 1995. See: 27 N.J.R. 2666(a), 27 N.J.R. 4715(a). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 37, Community Mental Health Services Act, expired on October 26, 2000.

Chapter 37, Community Mental Health Services Act, was adopted as new rules by R.2001 d.212, effective July 2, 2001, with Subchapter 10, Licensure of Mental Health Programs, replacing expired Subchapter 10, Site Review and Certification. See: 32 N.J.R. 2013(a), 33 N.J.R. 2310(a).

Chapter 37, Community Mental Health Services Act, was readopted as R.2007 d.37, effective December 27, 2006. As a part of R.2007 d.37, Subchapter 10, Licensure of Mental Health Programs, was recodified as Subchapter 1 of N.J.A.C. 10:190, and Subchapter 12, Children's Partial Care Programs Standards, was recodified as Subchapter 1 of N.J.A.C. 10:191, effective February 5, 2007. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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**SUBCHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE**

**10:37-1.1 Introduction and purpose**

(a) Since the enactment of the Community Mental Health Services Act in 1957, there has been a broad expansion of public funding sources administered by the State and utilized to support community mental health services. In addition to grant-in-aid, there are funds from Title XX of the Federal Social Security Act, State Community Care and Screening purchase of service contracts, the State Capital Improvement Program and two State-funded demonstration community mental health centers. This amended chapter represents an integration of these multiple funding sources and the minimal requirements that are applicable to all of them. These requirements are conceptually based upon the Division's four operating principles: Normalization, Level of Functioning, Advocacy and Unified Services, which are described in a companion document titled "Principal Statement." Within the context of these principles, however, the Division encourages innovative implementation and a variety of comprehensive service models, developed in response to local needs and talents.