

CHAPTER 30

**DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:
ORGANIZATIONAL RULES**

Authority

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Source and Effective Date

R.2006 d.318, effective August 8, 2006.
See: 38 N.J.R. 3577(b).

Chapter Expiration Date

Chapter 30, Division of Mental Health Services: Organizational Rules, expires on August 8, 2011.

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 30, Manual of Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities, was adopted as R.1971 d.207, effective November 6, 1971. See: 3 N.J.R. 152(a), 3 N.J.R. 256(d).

Chapter 30, Manual of Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities, was repealed by R.1983 d.236, effective June 20, 1983. See: 15 N.J.R. 279(a), 15 N.J.R. 1022(b).

Chapter 30, New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Hospitals: Organizational Rule, was adopted as new rules by R.1985 d.515, effective September 23, 1985. See: 17 N.J.R. 2558(a). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1976), Chapter 30, New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Hospitals: Organizational Rule, expired on September 23, 1990. See: 33 N.J.R. 2666(a).

Chapter 30, Division of Mental Health and Services: Organizational Rules, was adopted as new rules by R.2001 d.398, effective October 5, 2001. See: 33 N.J.R. 3742(a).

Chapter 30, Division of Mental Health Services: Organizational Rules, was repealed and Chapter 30, Division of Mental Health Services: Organizational Rules, was adopted as new rules by R.2006 d.318, effective August 8, 2006. See: Source and Effective Date.

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**SUBCHAPTER 1. FUNCTIONS; PUBLIC
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10:30-1.1 Functions of the Division

(a) The Division of Mental Health Services is responsible for the development, coordination and operational support of a comprehensive mental health system. The major objectives of the Division are to ensure:

1. Accessible, clinically appropriate, and recovery-oriented mental health services that promote wellness, an improved quality of life and true community inclusion;

2. High-quality, community based care, with hospitalization only when necessary, designed to maximize the consumer's level of functioning and independence; and

3. Individualized treatment reflecting the needs and strengths of each consumer.

(b) The Division supervises the provision of a broad range of community mental health services throughout the State. It contracts with more than 120 community agencies to provide outpatient services, case management, emergency assessment and treatment, programs of assertive community treatment (PACT), partial care, residential services, systems advocacy, supported employment, family support, and consumer-operated services, and to provide screening services which reduce inappropriate admissions to State and county psychiatric hospitals and avoiding unnecessary incarceration.

(c) The Division operates five psychiatric hospitals: four regional hospitals (Ancora Psychiatric Hospital, Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital, Senator Garrett W. Hagedorn Psychiatric Hospital, and Trenton Psychiatric Hospital); and the Ann Klein Forensic Center. Specialized services (for geriatrics, dually disabling, hearing impairment, and other co-occurring conditions) are also provided at one or more of the five hospitals operated by the Division.

(d) Six counties also operate psychiatric hospitals. The Division administers the State aid program which supplies 90 percent of the funding for the treatment of indigent patients, and reviews program standards at those facilities.

(e) Pursuant to the Community Mental Health Services Act (N.J.S.A. 30:9A-1 et seq., specifically 30:9A-1 et seq.), the Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health Licensing (OMHL) licenses all community mental health programs. OMHL staff consults with Division staff when reviewing and deciding waiver requests affecting mental health licenses.

(f) The Division's Central Office oversees the provision of community and institutional care with emphasis on continuous quality improvement, training, program development, evaluation, management, information systems, and fiscal and systems planning.

(g) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 30:4-27.1 et seq., the Division designates, funds and, with the Department of Health and Senior Services, regulates the provision of mental health services at inpatient units in acute care hospitals known as short term care facilities, as well as the assessment, referral, commitment, and crisis intervention functions of screening centers.

(h) The Division works with other State and local emergency management and mental health agencies to provide disaster mental health services.

10:30-1.2 Public information, requests and submissions

The public has ready access to information regarding all Division activities (except as to individual consumers). Questions concerning a specific hospital or agency should be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive or Director, respectively. Each county has a County Mental Health Administrator who will provide assistance when requested. Questions concerning general policies should be submitted in

writing to the Department's Public Information Office, PO Box 700, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0700. In addition, information about the services offered by the Division is accessible on its website at <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/dmhs/index.html>. Each hospital and agency as well as the Division have advisory boards to facilitate ongoing public participation in the development of the mental health system.