

CHAPTER 30

NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH
AND HOSPITALS: ORGANIZATIONAL
RULE

Authority

N.J.S.A. 30:1-12 and N.J.S.A. 52:14B-4(b).
(exempt organizational rule).

Source and Effective Date

R.1985 d.515, effective September 23, 1985.
See: 17 N.J.R. 2558(a).

Historical Note

This chapter formerly contained the Manual of Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities. The chapter was originally adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq. and was filed and became effective November 6, 1971 as R.1971 d.207. See: 3 N.J.R. 152(a), 3 N.J.R. 256(d). Amendments were filed and became effective October 13, 1972 as R.1972 d.204. See: 4 N.J.R. 265(d). Subsequent amendments were filed and became effective April 4, 1974 as R.1974 d.88. See: 6 N.J.R. 61(a), 6 N.J.R. 185(a). Subsequent amendments were filed and became effective August 20, 1976 as R.1976 d.260. See: 8 N.J.R. 329(a), 8 N.J.R. 417(d). Subsequent amendments were filed and became effective August 24, 1976 as R.1976 d.269. See: 8 N.J.R. 280(a), 8 N.J.R. 418(c). Subsequent amendments were filed and became effective January 1, 1977 as R.1976 d.420. See: 8 N.J.R. 465(a), 8 N.J.R. 18(d). Subchapter 14, Beds for Indigent Persons was filed and became effective January 24, 1977 as R.1978 d.25. See: 9 N.J.R. 516(a), 10 N.J.R. 62(d). Amendments which delayed the expiration date from July 1, 1980 to July 1, 1981 were filed on June 17, 1980 to become effective on July 10, 1980 as R.1980 d.257. See: 12 N.J.R. 262(b), 12 N.J.R. 406(a). Subsequent amendments were filed and became effective August 8, 1980 as R.1980 d.364. See: 12 N.J.R. 392(c), 12 N.J.R. 518(b). Subsequent amendments were filed and became effective October 9, 1980 as R.1980 d.399. See: 12 N.J.R. 463(b), 12 N.J.R. 578(c). Subsequent amendments were effective March 7, 1983 as R.1983 d.66. See: 14 N.J.R. 1273(a), 15 N.J.R. 336(a). The chapter was repealed, (except for subchapter 14 (8:30-14) now recodified as 8:39-27), effective June 20, 1983 as R.1983 d.236. See: 15 N.J.R. 279(a), 15 N.J.R. 1022(b). The new chapter, New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Hospitals: Organizational Rule became effective September 23, 1985 as R.1985 d.515. See: 17 N.J.R. 2558(a).

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10:30-1.1 Functions of the Division

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

1. Accessible and clinically appropriate mental health services;
2. Community based care, with hospitalization only when necessary, designed to maximize the client's level of functioning and independence; and
3. Individualized treatment reflecting the needs and strengths of each client.

(b) The Division supervises the provision of a broad range of community mental health services throughout the State. It contracts with more than 100 community agencies to provide outpatient, emergency, partial care, residential and consultation and education services, and to provide screening services which reduce inappropriate admissions to State and county psychiatric hospitals.

(c) The Division operates seven institutions; four regional hospitals (Ancora, Greystone Park, Marlboro and Trenton); a children's facility (Arthur Brisbane Child Treatment Center); a geriatric facility (Glen Gardner Center for Geriatrics); and the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital.

(d) Five counties also operate psychiatric hospitals.

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

10:30-1.2 Public information, requests and submissions

The public has ready access to information regarding all Division activities (except as to individual clients). Questions concerning a specific hospital or agency should be directed 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 directed to the Division's Public Information Office, CN 700, Trenton, N.J. 08625. 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.

10:30-1.3 Procedure to petition for a rule

Any person may request the Division to promulgate, amend or appeal any rule by submitting a written petition. It shall include the name and address of the petitioner, the action and the reasons for the request. Within 30 days, the Division shall advise the petitioner in writing of its response to the request. Address petitions to:

New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Hospitals
Public Information Office
CN 700
Trenton, N.J. 08625