PUBLIC NOTICE

Intent to Adopt Rules Wyoming Department of Health

Public notice is hereby given that the Wyoming Department of Health, Behavioral Health Division, Wyoming Life Resource Center intends to adopt the following Amended and Promulgated Rule pursuant to the provisions of Wyo. Stat. Ann. § 9-2-106 and § 25-5-105. These rules meet minimum substantive state statutory requirements.

Chapter 1, amended, includes general provisions and definitions. Chapter 2, amended, applies to adverse action and administrative procedure. Chapter 3, amended, applies to the Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) of the WLRC. Chapter 4, repealed, applied to a subset of the ICF/IID of the WLRC and was combined with chapter 3. Chapter 5, amended, applies to seventy-five (75) calendar day temporary admission to the ICF/IID of the WLRC. Chapter 6, amended, applies to non-residential services the WLRC may provide. Chapter 7, new, applies to the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) of the WLRC.

These rule amendments, chapter repeal, and additional chapter are intended to improve the overall clarity and consistency of the rules, as well as reflect changes to the WLRC's mission and vision. The proposed amendments and new chapter are meant to update terms and better align with day-to-day operations at the WLRC. The Department is required to integrate the WLRC's new mission into all aspects of the WLRC. The amended rules reflect the new legislation and other necessary updates where the current rules do not. The proposed amendments and new chapter are intended to outline the separation between the ICF/IID of the WLRC and the upcoming SNF of the WLRC.

To obtain a copy of these Amended Rules, contact:

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A public hearing will be held if requested by 25 persons, by a governmental subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members.

The Wyoming Department of Health welcomes all comments and suggestions on these rules. Any person may urge the Agency not to adopt this Rule and may request that the Agency state its reasons for overruling the consideration urged against adoption. Written comments must be submitted to the above address or on the Secretary of State Rules website, no later than 11:59 p.m. on April 8, 2022.

Interested parties may request a statement of the Department's position regarding each comment and the action taken as a result of the comments prior to, or within thirty (30) days after, adoption of these Rules. Requests must be submitted to the above address. If requested, the statement will be issued by the Department within thirty (30) days after the Agency action.

Dated this 17th day of February, 2022.

Stefan Johansson, Interim Director Wyoming Department of Health