

Harrisburg Update 8-3-2018

Agency Meetings and Notices

- **Department of Human Services**

Wednesday, August 8, 10:00 am, Commonwealth Tower, 12th Floor, 303 Walnut Street, Harrisburg
Bureau of Fee for Service Programs Subcommittee to MAAC Meeting
For additional information: 717 772 6780

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- **Department of Human Services**

The Department proposes to add Chapters 1155 and 5240 (relating to intensive behavioral health services) to read as set forth in Annex A.

Purpose

The purpose of this proposed rulemaking is to codify the minimum licensing standards and program requirements for participation in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program and MA payment conditions for agencies that deliver intensive behavioral health services (IBHS) to children, youth and young adults under 21 years of age with mental, emotional and behavioral health needs. IBHS includes individual services, applied behavioral analysis (ABA) services, evidence-based therapy (EBT) services and group services. This proposed rulemaking will support children, youth and young adults with mental, emotional and behavioral health needs by improving their functioning, promoting their resiliency and enhancing their quality of life, which will allow the children, youth and young adults to live and participate in the community with their families. This proposed rulemaking will replace the requirements for behavioral health rehabilitation services (BHRS) previously set forth in bulletins issued by the Department. It also adds a requirement for a separate and distinct license for agencies that deliver these services and additional oversight of services. This proposed rulemaking eliminates redundancies in bulletins, streamlines the admission process for IBHS, provides a process for the reinitiation of services within 60 days of discharge if the condition of the child, youth or young adult regresses, establishes training requirements and qualifications for staff delivering each IBHS, and includes provisions to protect the health and safety of a child, youth or young adult receiving services.

For additional information: <https://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol48/48-31/1222.html>

- **Department of Transportation**

The Department of Transportation, Bureau of Public Transportation gives notice that it will receive applications for the State-administered Section 5310 Program (Program). The application will open on Monday, August 13, 2018, and is due by the close of business on Friday, August 31, 2018. The application can be found at <https://spportal.dot.pa.gov/Planning/AppReg/BPT5310/Pages/default.aspx> Under this Program, private nonprofit organizations and designated public bodies may apply for Federal capital assistance to pay up to 80% of the purchase cost of new wheelchair accessible small transit vehicles used to provide transportation services for senior citizens and persons with disabilities who cannot be reasonably accommodated by existing

transportation providers. Additional information can be obtained by calling John Levitsky, Bureau of Public Transportation, (717) 787-1206, jlevitsky@pa.gov.

For additional information: <https://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol48/48-31/1209.html>

- ***Governor's Office***

Executive Order 1996-1 requires all agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor to submit for publication semi-annually an agenda of regulations under development or consideration. The agendas are compiled to provide members of the regulated community advanced notice of regulatory activity. It is the intention of the Administration that these agendas will serve to increase public participation in the regulatory process. Agency contacts should be contacted for more information regarding the regulation and the procedure for submitting comments. This Agenda represents the Administration's present intentions regarding future regulations. The information provided is current as of July 13, 2018. The nature and complexity of an individual regulation obviously will determine whether and when any particular regulation listed (as well as any considered subsequent to publication of this Agenda) is published.

For additional information: <https://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol48/48-31/1212.html>

- ***Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC)***

Insurance Department

Medicare Supplement Insurance Minimum Standards

Regulation No. 11-256 (# 3189)

On January 9, 2018, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Insurance Department (Department). This rulemaking amends 31 Pa. Code Chapter 89. The proposed regulation was published in the January 20, 2018 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending February 20, 2018. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on June 15, 2018. This regulation updates the requirements for Medigap plans and establishes an open enrollment period for certain individuals retroactively enrolled in Medicare Part B. We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (71 P.S. §§ 186 and 412) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

By Order of the Commission:

This regulation is approved.

For additional information: <https://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol48/48-31/1213.html>

PA Department of Health Message Board

- From: Pennsylvania Health Alert Network
Re: 418 - 07/27/18 - ADV - Heartland and Bourbon Virus Testing Guidance in Pennsylvania
Message:
Heartland and Bourbon Virus Testing Guidance

For additional information:

<https://sais.health.pa.gov/CommonPOC/content/FacilityWeb/FacMsgBoardDetails.asp?msgid=3520&msgindex=3&Selection=All&isHospice=0>

House 2018 Fall Session Schedule

- September 12, 13, 24, 25, 26
- October 1 (non-voting), 2 (non-voting), 9, 10, 15, 16, 17
- November 13

Senate 2018 Fall Session Schedule

- September 24, 25, 26
- October 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17
- November 14

Committee Schedule for the Week of August 6

House

- No healthcare-related committee meetings have been scheduled for the week of August 6.

Senate

- No healthcare-related committee meetings have been scheduled for the week of August 6.

Floor Schedule for the Week of August 6

House (from the Republican Week Ahead)

- The House is not scheduled for session the week of August 6

Senate (from the Senate Calendar)

- The Senate is not scheduled for session the week of August 6

Legislative Floor Action for the Week of July 30

House

- The House was not in session the week of July 30.

Senate

- The Senate was not in session the week of July 30.