

Department of Social Services
Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held telephonically on Friday, October 16, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed rules numbered §§ 67:63:01:01, 67:63:02:01 through 67:63:02:10, 67:63:03:01 through 67:63:03:05, 67:63:04:01, 67:63:04:02. Interested parties may attend by calling 1-844-833-2681 and using conference code 0094258#.

These new rules are a result of SDCL 27A-10-1.2 which was created by SB 4 during the 2020 Legislative Session. The rules outline the minimum standards that facilities must meet to be designated as an appropriate regional facility. These facilities will provide short-term inpatient crisis stabilization services to individuals regionally with the goal of preventing unnecessary admissions to HSC and keeping individuals in crisis close to home. It is possible that some of the facilities seeking designation by DSS would not be facilities that are regulated by any other entity. These rules are intended to provide DSS the level of oversight needed to protect the health and safety of individuals served in these appropriate regional facilities without creating unnecessary hurdles for facilities seeking designation.

Persons interested in presenting data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing telephonically at the hearing or by sending them to the Teresa Schulte, Department of Social Services, 700 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD 57501 or DSSAdminRules@state.sd.us. Material sent by mail must reach the Department of Social Services by October 27, 2020, to be considered.

After the public hearing, the Department of Social Services will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The Department of Social Services may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

For Persons with Disabilities: This hearing will be located at a physically accessible place. Please contact Department of Social Services at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements can be made by calling (605)-367-5444 ext. 1000309.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from: Teresa Schulte, Department of Social Services, 811 East 10th Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57103. Copies of the proposed rules are also available at: <http://rules.sd.gov>.

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