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STATE OF VERMONT

Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR)

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

MINUTES

August 6, 2026

The Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules met on Thursday, August 6, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 10 of the State House Building in Montpelier, Vermont.

The following members were present:

Sen. Seth Bongartz, Vice Chair
Sen. Scott Beck
Sen. Robert Plunkett
Sen. David Weeks

Rep. Trevor Squirrell, Chair
Rep. Mark Higley
Rep. Carol Ode
Rep. Larry Satcowitz

Staff present:

Bradley Showman
Megan Cannella

Committee Counsel
Supervisor of Committee Services

Approval of Prior Minutes

On motion of Rep. Ode, the Committee approved the July 23, 2026, minutes.

Review of Rules

The Committee reviewed the following rules:

26-P005 – Agency of Human Services - Third Party Liability. Beth Quill, Senior Staff Attorney for the Department of Vermont Health Access, explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee.

This amended rule removes estate recovery–related rules. Estate recovery provisions are being moved into a new rule. This amended rule does not make other changes.

On motion of Rep. Ode, the Committee approved the rule.

26-P006 – Agency of Human Services - Estate Recovery. Beth Quill, Senior Staff Attorney for the Department of Vermont Health Access, explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee.

This new rule outlines procedures for the Medicaid Estate Recovery Procedure. These provisions were part of the Agency's Third Party Liability rule. This new rule also adds a definitions section, modifies language for clarity, and modifies the undue hardship exemption, including a subsection stating that due to cost-effectiveness, Vermont Medicaid will not pursue estates valued under \$7,500.00.

On motion of Rep. Ode, the Committee approved the rule with the changes proposed in the Agency's memo dated July 9, 2026.

25-P040 – Agency of Natural Resources - Vermont Wetland Rules – Discussion of Certifying the Committee's Objection. On May 21, the Committee sent the Agency of Natural Resources an objection memo to this proposed rule. On June 4, the Agency sent the Committee its response. The Agency initially disagreed with the Committee's objections, but at the June 18 meeting, Chair Squirrell noted that the Agency requested additional time to work with stakeholders to address concerns with the rule. On July 14, the Agency submitted proposed changes to the rule. On July 23, the Committee voted to modify its objections based on the proposed changes.

On motion of Sen. Bongartz, the Committee voted 6-2 to certify its modified objection. Sen. Weeks and Rep. Higley opposed the motion.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

The Committee adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for August 20, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 10 of the State House Building in Montpelier, Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley Showman
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