

To: Sen. Mark A. MacDonald , Chair of the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules

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Re: Substance Abuse Treatment Certification Rule

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Attached please find an updated version of the Substance Abuse Treatment Certification Rule. The Department originally filed this rule with LCAR on September 2, 2014. The Department has been working closely with stakeholders to finalize the guidance document for providers, which will be release when this rule takes effect. During this ongoing work, but after the close of the public comment period, the Department was asked to provide greater clarity for detoxification services. Providing a definition in this draft provides the necessary clarity and is consistent with the intent of the rule and guidance document. The following emendation was made to the final proposed rule:

3.31 **“Withdrawal management services”** means the provision of medical and/or social services in a facility staffed 24 hours per day to persons served who are experiencing or are at risk for experiencing physical withdrawal from alcohol or other drugs. Social setting withdrawal management services take place in a non-medical facility, a unit of which has been specifically structured and staffed to provide the above services. Medical monitored withdrawal management services are delivered by medical and nursing professionals and the symptoms of the person served are severe enough to 24-hour inpatient care.

Additionally, the following sections will now reflect this change by stating:

6.2.7.2 Short-term residential and withdrawal management programs the end of the fourth day.

6.2.7.3 Long-term residential programs the end of the fifteenth day.

Finally, legislative council alerted us to one typographical error that we have amended. The definition for “short-term residential” now reads:

3.29 “Short-term Residential” means the average length of stay in the residential program is thirty days or less.