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## STATE OF VERMONT

### Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR)

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

MINUTES

December 5, 2024

The Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules met on Thursday, December 5, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room 10 of the State House in Montpelier, Vermont.

The following members were present:

Sen. Mark A. MacDonald, Vice Chair  
Sen. Christopher Bray  
Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons (Zoom)  
Sen. David Weeks (Zoom)

Rep. Trevor Squirrel, Chair  
Rep. Mark Higley

Staff present:

Damien Leonard  
Emery Mattheis  
Charlene Dindo  
Michael Ferrant

Committee Counsel  
Committee Assistant  
Committee Assistant  
Director, Legislative Operations

#### **Approval of prior minutes**

On motion of Sen. Bray, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

#### **Review of Rules**

The Committee reviewed the following rules:

**24-P23 - Department of Mental Health/The Rules for Administration of Nonemergency Involuntary Psychiatric Medications.** Karen Barber, General Counsel, Department of Mental Health explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee.

This rule outlines the procedures for the administration of nonemergency involuntary psychiatric medications by the Department of Mental Health.

On motion of Rep. Higley, the Committee approved the rule with proposed modifications submitted by the Department in a memorandum dated November 25, 2024.

**24-P31 - Agency of Human Services/Health Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment Rule, Eligibility Standards (Part 2).** Robin Chapman, Staff Attorney, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee. Dani Fuoco, Senior Policy & Implementation Analyst, Department of Vermont Health Access was also present.

This rule amends Part 2, Eligibility Standards, of the Health Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment rule.

On motion of Sen. Bray, the Committee voted 5–1 to approve the rule.

**24-P32 - Agency of Human Services/Health Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment Rule, Nonfinancial Eligibility Requirements (Part 3).** Robin Chapman, Staff Attorney, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee. Dani Fuoco, Senior Policy & Implementation Analyst, Department of Vermont Health Access was also present.

This rule amends Part 3, Nonfinancial Eligibility Requirements, of the Health Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment rule.

On motion of Sen. Bray, the Committee voted 5–1 to approve the rule.

**24-P33 - Agency of Human Services/Health Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment Rule, Eligibility-and-Enrollment Procedures (Part 7).** Robin Chapman, Staff Attorney, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee. Dani Fuoco, Senior Policy & Implementation Analyst, Department of Vermont Health Access was also present.

This rule amends Part 7, Eligibility and Enrollment Procedures, of the Health Benefits Eligibility and Enrollment rule.

On motion of Sen. Bray, the Committee voted 5–1 to approve the rule.

**24-P34 - Department of Corrections/Marriage Ceremony for Incarcerated Individuals.** Margaret June Faller, Policy & Implementation Analyst, Department of Corrections and David Turner, Facility Operations Manager, Department of Corrections explained the rule and answered questions from the Committee.

This rule amends the Department of Corrections' rule relating to the approval of an inmate's request to marry to conform the rule to changes made pursuant to 2023 Act No. 8, which raised the age for marriage to 18.

On motion of Sen. Bray, the Committee approved the rule.

**Committee Discussion: Review of 2025 In-Session Meeting Schedule.**

On motion of Sen. Bray, the Committee approved the schedule.

**Adjournment and next meeting**

The Committee adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for January 9, 2025, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Room 11 of the State House in Montpelier, Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

Damien Leonard  
Committee Counsel

cc: APA Clerk, Secretary of State  
ICAR, Agency of Administration