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STATE OF VERMONT

Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR)

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

MINUTES

March 13, 2025

The Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules met on Thursday, March 13, 2025, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in room 11 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:

Damien Leonard
Katie McLinn
Emery Mattheis

Committee Counsel
Legislative Counsel
Committee Assistant

Convene, Approval of Prior Minutes

On motion of Sen. Weeks, the Committee approved the minutes of February 13, 2025.

Hear Request for Extension of Adoption Deadline

Linda McLemore, Staff Attorney for the Agency of Human Services, requested a deadline extension for rule 24-P30 - Health Care Administrative Rule (HCAR) on Prior Authorization for Medicaid Services.

On motion of Rep. Ode, the Committee approved the request for a 75-day extension, and the adoption deadline has been extended to June 15, 2025.

Review of Rules

The Committee reviewed the following rule:

- 24-P42 - Agency of Human Services/General Assistance Emergency Housing Assistance Rules**
- **Review of Agency of Human Services Response to LCAR's Objection to the Rule**

Heidi Moreau, Policy Analyst for the Department for Children and Families, explained the Agency's response to LCAR's objection. The Department modified the rule by eliminating the sections LCAR objected to at its meeting on February 13, 2025.

Brenda Siegel, Executive Director of End Homelessness Vermont, spoke in favor of the modifications.

On motion of Rep. Higley, the Committee voted to withdraw its objection to rule 24-P42.

On motion of Sen. Bongartz, the Committee voted to approve rule 24-P42 as amended in the memorandum from the Department dated February 20, 2025.

Adjournment and next meeting

The Committee adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for April 17, 2025, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in room 10 of the State House Building in Montpelier, Vermont.

Respectfully submitted,

Damien Leonard
Committee Counsel

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