

To: Representative Trevor Squirrell, Chair of the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules

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Re: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for Youth Licensing Rule

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Following the filing of the rule for LCAR, the Department of Health made the following changes to the proposed rule based on feedback from Legislative Counsel under 3 V.S.A. § 844(f):

1. Section 3.10 was amended for consistency with preferred phrasing. The following amendment was made: The term “~~as called for by~~” was replaced with “in accordance with.”
2. Section 3.11 was amended to include a resident’s parent or legal guardian into the list of individuals who may make a complaint on behalf of a resident. The following amendment was made: “...a resident’s parent or legal guardian.”
3. Sections 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 6.3, 7.2, 8.7, and 8.8 were amended to fix punctuation errors. Colons were added at the end of each phrase.
4. Section 8.8 and 8.8.2 were amended for clarity. The following amendments were made:
 - “8.8 If the Department finds that a PRTF is in substantial violation of this Rule it may, in accordance with Sections 8.9 and 9.0 of this Rule, do one or more of the following;
8.8.1 Not issue or renew the PRTF’s license;
8.8.2 Revoke the PRTF’s license; ~~and/or...~~”

No further amendments were made to the Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for Youth Licensing Rule.