

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULES

Pursuant to the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act, Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) § 50-13-1, et seq., the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) is required to provide public notice of its intent to adopt, amend, or repeal certain rules other than interpretative rules or general statements of policy. Accordingly, DBHDD hereby provides notice of its intent to adopt **Rules and Regulations for Patient's Rights, GA COMP. R. & REGS. 82-5-1.**

These rules are being proposed pursuant to the authority granted to DBHDD in O.C.G.A. §§ 37-1-23, 37-1-40, 37-1-41, 37-3-2, 37-4-3, and 37-7-2.

An exact copy of the proposed rules and regulations and a synopsis are attached to this public notice.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

An opportunity for public comment will be held on November 19, 2021 at 9:30 A.M. via WebEx audio. There will be no in-person attendance at DBHDD.

Follow these instructions to join the event:

Option 1:

1. Copy the following link to a browser:

Join from the meeting link

<https://dbhdd.webex.com/dbhdd/j.php?MTID=md5c45fc22f9f90e029eb608bd0c7aba8>

2. Click "Join Now"

To join by telephone:

1. Enter your phone number under "Call Me"
2. Click "Join Meeting"

Option 2:

Call-in toll number (US/Canada)

1. **Join by phone:** +1-415-655-0002 United States Toll
2. **Access code:** Meeting number (access code): 2339 843 2890

Oral comments may be limited to ten (10) minutes per person.

Individuals who are disabled and require assistance to participate during this meeting should contact the Office of General Counsel at monique.sullivan@dbhdd.ga.gov at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before December 3, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.

Due to reduced physical staffing at DBHDD's State Office due to the pandemic, DBHDD encourages the submission of written public comments via email to the following email address: legal@dbhdd.ga.gov

Any comments not able to be submitted via email may be submitted via regular mail to the following address:

Attention: Brenda Woodard

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Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities prior to December 9, 2021. The Board will vote on the proposed changes on December 9, 2021.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 3rd DAY OF NOVEMBER 2021



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