

DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

CHAPTER 82-8-1

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR EMERGENCY RECEIVING, EVALUATING, AND TREATMENT FACILITIES

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULES

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) seeks to adopt Rules and Regulations for Emergency Receiving, Evaluating and Treatment Facilities, Chapter 82-8-1. The rules and regulations are being proposed pursuant to Chapters 3 and 7 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated which require DBHDD to designate facilities as Emergency Receiving, Evaluating and Treatment Facilities. The purpose of these rules and regulations are to implement the requirements of Chapters 3 and 7 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. These rules and regulations are being proposed pursuant to the authority granted to DBHDD in Chapters 3 and 7 of Title 37 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

MAIN FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The proposed rules and regulations closely follow state laws but add clarity with respect to the processes associated with implementation of the laws. The proposed rules govern the process of operating such facilities from the designation process through termination of the designation. The proposed rules and regulations provide standards associated with the operation of Emergency Receiving, Evaluating and Treatment Facilities. The proposal also describes the enforcement process.