

DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

CHAPTER 82-5-1

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PATIENT'S RIGHTS

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED RULES

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The purpose of these rules and regulations is to safeguard the rights of persons treated pursuant to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) Chapters 37-3, 37-4 and 37-7. These regulations set forth rights of individuals served in hospitals and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities that are owned and operated by DBHDD. These rules and regulations are being proposed pursuant to the authority granted to DBHDD pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 37, Chapters 3, 4, and 7. More specifically, the authority is granted to DBHDD in O.C.G.A. §§ 37-1-23, 37-1-40, 37-1-41, § 37-3-2, 37-4-3, 37-7-2.

MAIN FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The proposed rules and regulations seek to establish the rights associated with treatment delivery as well as the treatment environment. The proposal describes rights associated with the personal affairs of patients and handling of clinical records. The proposal also describes the notice provisions and remedies for violations.