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82-1-1-.01 Organization.

(1) The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall be comprised of all divisions and sections as deemed necessary by the Commissioner of the Department for the efficient operations thereof.

(2) The mailing address for purposes of all official correspondence including but not limited to all legal notices and notices and correspondence respecting administrative proceedings shall be as follows: Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities, Office of the Commissioner, 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 24th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 37-1-3; 37-1-21; 37-1-22; 50-13-3.

82-1-1-.02 Rule Making or Quasi-legislative Hearings.

Rule making or quasi-legislative hearings are to establish, amend or repeal rules and regulations of general application. The establishment, amendment or repeal of any rules and regulations shall operate prospectively.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 37-1-3; 37-1-21; 37-1-22.

82-1-1-.03 Same; Procedure.

The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall adopt, amend or repeal rules or emergency rules in compliance with the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4 or its successor statute.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 37-1-3; 37-1-21; 37-1-22.

82-1-1-.04 Same; Petitions for Rule Making.

Interested persons may petition the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities and request the promulgation, amendment or repeal of a specific rule. Such petition shall be in the form of a letter addressed to the Commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. The petitioner shall state fully the rule involved, the reason for the desired change, the parties that will or may be affected by the petitioned change, and any additional facts known to the petitioner regarding the proposed change.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 37-1-3; 37-1-21; 37-1-22.

82-1-1-.05 Same; Mailing List.

The Department shall maintain a mailing list of persons and organizations wishing to receive notice of intended actions regarding the adoption, amendment or repeal of Rules and Regulations governing the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. Persons or organizations wishing to be included thereon should submit their names and exact mailing addresses to the address listed in Rule 01 of this Chapter. Such persons or organizations may also submit their e-mail addresses if they wish to receive notice electronically of intended action regarding rulemaking by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities. Upon receipt of the request, the Department will promptly notify the requesting party of the amount to be paid to the Department to be placed on the mailing list.

Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 37-1-3; 37-1-21; 37-1-22.