

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held September 19, 2024

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
John F. Mizner, Esq., Vice Chairman
John J. Soroko, Esq., dissenting
Murray Ufberg, Esq.
Dennis A. Watson, Esq.

Regulation No. 14-548 (#3347)
Department of Human Services
Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services

On June 23, 2022, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Human Services (Department). This rulemaking amends 55 Pa. Code Chapter 5230. The proposed regulation was published in the July 9, 2022 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on August 8, 2022. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on July 25, 2024.

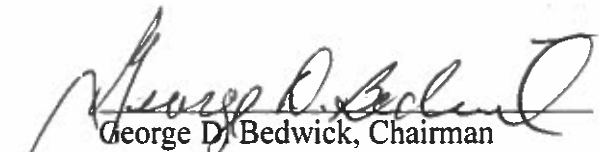
This regulation expands eligibility for psychiatric rehabilitation services (PRS) to include individuals 14 years of age or older but under 18 years of age, and expands the diagnoses that allow individuals to access PRS without going through the exception process by including posttraumatic stress disorder, bipolar disorder, major depressive disorder, and anxiety disorders.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (62 P.S. §§ 911 and 1021) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.




George D. Bedwick, Chairman