

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

May 3, 2023  
1:00 p.m. Central Time  
Nebraska State Office Building – Lower Level  
Meadowlark Conference Room  
301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Phone call information: 888-820-1398; Participant code: 3213662#

The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments on the adoption of amendments to and repeal of the following regulations:

The following regulation is proposed for AMENDMENT:

Title 175 NAC 18 – *Substance Abuse Treatment Centers*

The proposed changes will streamline the regulations by removing duplicative statutory language and any repetitive language found in Title 175 NAC 1; and consolidating two chapters of regulations into one. Additional proposed changes include setting the regulations scope; updating definitions and terminology; updating requirements to criminal background and registry checks for prospective employees; updating requirements for standards of operation, care, and services; setting out requirements for employee training, orientation and ongoing training; specifying the licensee and administrator responsibilities; updating client rights; updating section headings and formatting; and restructuring the regulatory chapter.

The following regulation is proposed for REPEAL in its entirety. The relevant portions of this chapter are included in the proposed amendment of Title 175 NAC 18.

Title 175 NAC 19 – *Mental Health Centers*

Authority for these regulations is found in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-3117(7).

Interested persons may provide written comments by mail, fax, or email, no later than the day of the hearing to: DHHS Legal Services, PO Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, (402) 742-2382 (fax) or [dhhs.regulations@nebraska.gov](mailto:dhhs.regulations@nebraska.gov), respectively.

In order to encourage participation in this public hearing, a phone conference line will be set up for any member of the public to call in and provide oral comments. Interested persons may provide verbal comments by participating via phone conference line by calling 888-820-1398; Participant code: 3213662#.

A copy of the proposed changes is available online at <http://www.sos.ne.gov>, or by contacting DHHS at the mailing address or email above, or by phone at (402) 471-8417. The fiscal impact statement for these proposed changes may be obtained at the office of

the Secretary of State, Regulations Division, 1201 N Street, Suite 120, Lincoln, NE 68508, or by calling (402) 471-2385.

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