Department of Human Services



Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

Division Circulars

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Circulars: Division Policies

- The Standard Language Document requires that you be in compliance with Division Circulars.
 - Circulars can be found on the Division's website:

www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddd/news/publications/divisioncirculars.html.



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Health Care

- Circular 10
- Persons receiving services shall have care that ensures their health, safety and well being.
- The Division encourages preventive health care.
- Persons receiving residential services shall have physical and dental examinations at least annually.

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Authorization for Medical Treatment and Informed Consent

- Circulars 32 and 41.
- Informed consent required for various medical, psychiatric, and behavioral interventions.
- In writing unless there is an emergency or behavioral crisis.
- Informed consent is not to be coerced.
- In cases where the individual, parent or guardian is not able to give informed consent, contact the Regional Office.

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First Aid and CPR Training

- Circular 31
- Nationally certified first aid & CPR courses taken by employees with direct contact with persons served by the agency.
- Training records and copies of certificates maintained by the licensed agency.
- The licensed agency shall develop a written procedure to ensure that this policy is met.



Background Checks

- Circular 40.
- □ Also found at N.J.A.C. 10:48A.
- Federal and State background checks.
- The agency head and all employees who may come into contact with persons served by the agency.
- Electronic updates completed every two years.
- Employment disqualifiers include any crime or disorderly person offense involving danger to the person.



Record Confidentially and Access to Client, Division and Provider Records

- Circular 30.
- □ Also found at N.J.A.C. 10:41.
- The Division is responsible for protecting the confidentiality of client records.
- Client records are not subject to public disclosure.
- All client records are the property of the Division and are not to be released except by the Division.
- Requests for copies of client records shall be referred to the Regional Office.
- The requirements of this circular conform with HIPAA.

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