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**Notice of Readoption**

**Standards for Licensure of Residential Health Care Facilities Located With, and  
Operated By, Licensed Health Care Facilities**

**Readoption: N.J.A.C. 8:43**

Authorized By: Jeffrey A. Brown, Acting Commissioner, Department of Health (with the approval of the Health Care Administration Board).

Authority: N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., particularly 26:2H-5.

Effective Date: October 17, 2025.

New Expiration Date: October 17, 2032.

**Take notice** that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the rules at N.J.A.C. 8:43, Standards for Licensure of Residential Health Care Facilities Located With, And Operated By, Licensed Health Care Facilities, were scheduled to expire on February 26, 2026.

N.J.A.C. 8:43 establishes minimum rules with which a residential health care facility located with, and operated by, a licensed health care facility must comply in order to be licensed to operate in New Jersey. Subchapter 1 establishes general provisions and qualifications. Subchapter 2 establishes licensure procedures. Subchapter 3 establishes standards addressing physical plant for new construction,

renovations, and additions. Subchapter 3A establishes standards addressing physical environment for existing residential health care facilities. Subchapter 4 establishes general requirements. Subchapter 5 establishes administration standards. Subchapter 6 establishes standards for resident care policies. Subchapter 7 establishes standards addressing personal care services. Subchapter 8 establishes standards addressing dietary services and establishes nursing services. Subchapter 9 establishes standards addressing health services. Subchapter 10 establishes medication standards. Subchapter 11 establishes standards addressing recreational services. Subchapter 12 establishes standards addressing emergency services and procedures. Subchapter 13 establishes standards addressing resident records. Subchapter 14 establishes standards addressing resident rights. Subchapter 15 establishes housekeeping, sanitation, safety, and maintenance standards. Subchapter 16 establishes standards addressing infection prevention and control services. Chapter 43 Appendix A includes guidelines addressing inappropriate resident behavior and resident-to-resident abuse. Chapter 43 Appendix B includes a daily food guide. Chapter 43 Appendix C includes recommendations for pet-facilitated therapy in New Jersey institutions.

The Department of Health (Department) has been working with internal and external stakeholders to develop new rules and amendments to the chapter to reflect updated best practices. The Department anticipates filing this rulemaking with the Office of Administrative Law for processing in the ordinary course; however, this rulemaking would not be concluded prior to the expiration of existing N.J.A.C. 8:43. The Acting Commissioner has reviewed existing N.J.A.C. 8:43 and determined that, pending the finalization of the anticipated rulemaking described above, the existing chapter remains

necessary, proper, reasonable, efficient, understandable, and responsive to the purposes for which it was originally promulgated and should be readopted. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), N.J.A.C. 8:43 is readopted and shall continue in effect for seven years.