

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held July 18, 2019

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
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Regulation No. 14-538 (#3176)
Department of Human Services
Outpatient Psychiatric Services and Psychiatric
Outpatient Clinics

On July 28, 2017, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Human Services (Department). This rulemaking amends 55 Pa. Code Chapters 1153 and 5200. The proposed regulation was published in the August 12, 2017 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on September 11, 2017. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on June 4, 2019.

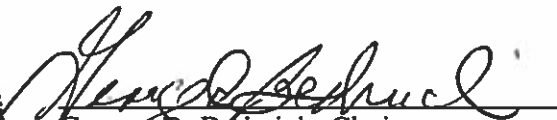
This rulemaking updates two chapters of the Department's regulations relating to outpatient psychiatric services and psychiatric outpatient clinics to increase access to tele-behavioral and mobile mental health treatment services and to implement changes in the benefit packages resulting from the implementation of the Medicaid expansion under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (62 P.S. §§ 201(2), 1021 and 50 P.S. §§ 4201(2), 7105 and 7112) 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