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Thanks for sending the final IBHS regs. It looks like I'll have 1 year from the date of the implementation of the new IBHS regs in order to obtain a license from DHS as an IBHS provider. Did I read that correctly?

I saw the reference to Chapter 20 regarding IBHS licensure, so I'm concerned about how to obtain the license necessary since it doesn't appear that a psychology group practice qualifies as a "facility" or "agency" under those regs. The definition of "agency" that was created for the Home & Community Based Services regs seems to include psychology group practices, but I am not sure if that new definition applies to the IBHS regs and Chapter 20.

Can you help me understand how my BHRS group psychology practice can be converted into an agency eligible for licensure as a provider of IBHS?

Thanks.  
Best wishes.  
Steve

**From:** Malecki, Courtney [mailto:cmalecki@pa.gov]  
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Dear Commentator:

In accordance with Pennsylvania's Regulatory Review Act, enclosed is a copy of the final-form regulation, 55 Pa. Code Chapters 1155 and 5240, Intensive Behavioral Health Services. Thank you for submitting your comments on the proposed regulation.

Sincerely,

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Mental illness affects 1 out of every 4 persons. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death nationally and over 1,900 Pennsylvanians died by suicide in 2016.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis or is considering suicide, help is available. Reach out to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at **1-800-273-TALK (8255)** or contact Crisis Text Line by texting **PA** to **741-741**.

