

Department of Human Services
OMHSAS – BPPPD, Attention: Laurie Madera
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Dear Ms. Madera,

Friendship House reviewed the Proposed Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services Regulation, Chapter 5230, and we are extremely pleased that it's no longer required for participants to sign and comment on the daily note. Below is an outline of our recommendations.

1. We support the use of telehealth services. Covid taught us that telehealth can be utilized effectively by PRS.
2. We do not support the expansion of the 14-18 year olds, as we have sex offenders in our program. Also we do not support the ability of a parent/guardian to sign consent for receipt of services for an individual ages 14-17. Allowing family members to sign for someone who is not themselves in agreement with accessing PRS is the direct opposite to the voluntary program that Psych Rehab is.

Thank You,

Jaime Minor
Friendship House Manager