INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

George D. Bedwick, Chairman
John F. Mizner, Esq., Vice Chairman, dissenting
John J. Soroko, Esq., dissenting
Murray Ufberg, Esq.
Dennis A. Watson, Esq.

Public Meeting Held November 19, 2026

Regulation No. 14-555 (#3417)
Department of Human Services
Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities

On October 2, 2024, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Human Services (Department). This rulemaking amends 55 Pa. Code Chapters 1330, 5330, and 3800. The proposed regulation was published in the November 2, 2024 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a public comment period ending on December 2, 2024. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on October 16, 2026.

This regulation codifies the minimum licensing standards and Medical Assistance participation requirements and payment conditions for psychiatric residential treatment facilities that provide medically necessary behavioral health treatment to children, youth, or young adults under 21 years of age with a behavioral health diagnosis who cannot be treated effectively in their home and community.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (62 P.S. §§ 201(2), 911, and 1021, and 50 P.S. § 4201(2)) 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.

THE INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

George D. Bedwick, Chairman