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Department of Corrections Draft Administrative Rules Released

(Concord, NH) The New Hampshire Department of Corrections has a proposed revision to updated rules for consideration by the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR). As a part of the JLCAR procedures, a public hearing has been scheduled on the Department's draft Administrative Rules for the third week in February 2019. The Department is required by statute to adopt administrative rules pursuant to RSA 541-A.

An administrative rule is a regulation, standard, or form as defined by New Hampshire statute or other statement of general applicability adopted by an agency to implement, interpret, or make specific a statute enforced or administered by the agency or interpret an agency policy, procedure or practice requirement binding on persons inside or outside the agency, as long as they do not affect private rights or change the substance of rules binding upon the public.

New Hampshire state statute (RSA 21-H: 13) cites the administrative rules that must be adopted by the Department and approved by JLCAR. These include:

- I. Standards for the management, and operation, of all state correctional facilities.
- II. The administration of the institutions and other facilities under his control.
 - II-a. The administration of the secure psychiatric unit as required under RSA 622:44.
- III. Standards for the management and operation of rehabilitation related programs, including, but not limited to:
 - (a) Classification;
 - (b) Diagnosis;
 - (c) Education;
 - (d) Casework;
 - (e) Counseling;
 - (f) Therapy;
 - (g) Vocational training;
 - (h) Guidance;
 - (i) Work, including the terms and conditions of work release; and
 - (j) Library.
- IV. Standards for health and medical services provided at correctional facilities.
- V. Payment and collection of all fees for which the department is responsible.
- VI. The activities of visitors to all institutions and facilities of the department.

The Department will have staff available from multiple areas of the Department during the public hearing to be responsive to the feedback shared by members of the public who join us in making recommendations as well as asking questions about the proposed draft rules.

The public hearing will be February 14, 2019 at 3:00 pm in the Fox Chapel of the Main Building, Governor Hugh Gallen State Office Complex, 105 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH. The Department of Corrections applications were published on page 2 of the New Hampshire Rulemaking Register and can be found at:

<http://gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/Register/2018/december-27-18.pdf>

Copies of the draft rules can be found at:

<https://www.nh.gov/nhdoc/documents/readoptwithamendmentcor306.01contraband.pdf>

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<https://www.nh.gov/nhdoc/documents/readoptwithamendmentcor4009.5.2018.pdf>

<https://www.nh.gov/nhdoc/documents/readoptwithamendmentcor403requestslipsascor312.pdf>

<https://www.nh.gov/nhdoc/documents/adoptcor311disciplinaryhearings.pdf>

<https://www.nh.gov/nhdoc/documents/adoptcor313complaintsandgrievances.pdf>

<https://www.nh.gov/nhdoc/documents/adoptcor500standardsforhealth2018.pdf>