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Interagency Committee on Administrative Rules (ICAR) Agenda
Friday, November 15, 2024, 1:00 p.m.

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- Welcome
- Review and approval of the [minutes](#) from the October 14, 2024 meeting
- Note any additions or deletions from the agenda
- Public comment
- Presentation of the following proposed rule:
 - 1) Guidelines for Distinguishing between Primary and Specialty Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Department of Financial Regulation
 - a) The rule prescribes guidelines for distinguishing between “primary” and “specialty” mental health and substance abuse services. This revision designates interprofessional consulting and peer support services as “primary” mental health and substance abuse services and makes technical and stylistic changes to the rule.
 - 2) Vermont Water Supply Rule, Agency of Natural Resources
 - a) In 2024, EPA promulgated new PFAS regulations, including Maximum Contaminant Levels. States are required to implement these new standards into State regulation and be no less stringent. The state regulation incorporates the federal regulation but expedites the timeline due to our existing PFAS data and regulation. This will ensure systems in need of PFAS treatment seek and install such treatment while federal funding remains available, through 2027. It also updates state technical standards for PFAS treatment. We are also seeking updates to the regulation of bottled water in Vermont. EPA also promulgated updated regulations pertaining to Consumer Confidence Reports, a form of public notice providing essential information to be conveyed annually to water systems users. This state revision will incorporate those federal changes as well.
 - 3) Administrative Rules of the Board of Pharmacy, Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation
 - a) This update reflects substantial changes in pharmacy’s legal and practice landscape since the last rule update in 2015. The rule minimizes administrative burdens and conforms to license uniformity and streamlining legislation in Title 3. The rule articulates clear practice



standards, completing an effort by the Board to refine a body of non-rule position statements, retires those that were dated or unnecessary, and incorporates into rule those that warrant retention. The rule conforms to recent statutory changes.

4) Rules of the Vermont Employment Security Board, Department of Labor

a) This amendment to the Employment Security Board Rules implements provisions of recent legislation regarding unemployment benefit overpayments. The amended rule adds a procedure to apply for waiver of repayment of overpaid benefits where the individual is not at fault for the overpayment, and where ordering repayment would be contrary to equity and good conscience. The amended rule adds definitions for "fault" and "contrary to equity and good conscience" and outlines the application process; notice requirements; determinations on applications; and appellate procedure.

- Other business
- Next meeting date: Monday, December 9, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
- Adjournment

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