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The Honorable John Carney
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 29, 2023

TO: Joe Aronson, Administrator Governmental Relations and Communications
DSAMH

FROM: Benjamin Shrader – Chairperson 
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: DHSS-DSAMH Proposed Regulations on 6002 [Credentialing Mental
Health Screeners and Pay for Voluntary Admissions, 26 Del. Register of
Regulations 1023 (June 1, 2023)]

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Department of Health and Social Service (DHSS)/Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) proposed regulation to amend existing regulations published at 16 Del. Admin. C. § 6002, which governs the credentialing of mental health screeners. The proposed regulation was published as 26 DE Reg. 1023 in the June 1, 2023, Register of Regulations issue.

SCPD has the following observations and recommendations:

- It is not clear from the language of the proposed regulations how many hours of training will be required or whether training requirements would be different for applicants of various types. Given the nature of the interventions that a screener has the authority to order, it seems essential that screeners be thoroughly trained. **SCPD questions the relative vagueness of the proposed amendments about**

required training for mental health screeners and recommends they be solidified.

- **The SCPD encourages increased oversight of the psychiatrists performing screenings as provided for in the proposed amendments.**
- **The SCPD Council recommends that the language in the existing regulations about payment for treatment and related oversight be carried into the revised regulation.**

The SCPD endorses this regulation with the above-mentioned recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions regarding our observations or position on the proposed regulation.

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