

July 29, 2022

Jill Grossman, Counsel
North Dakota Legislative Council
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

RE: Proposed Amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 75-08-01
Vocational Rehabilitation

Dear Ms. Grossman:

Enclosed for filing in the office of the Legislative Council is the Notice of Intent to amend Administrative Rules concerning the above proposed rules as required by N.D.C.C. section 28-32-10. Also enclosed is a copy of the proposed rules.

We have requested publication of an abbreviated newspaper publication notice once in each official county newspaper which will notify the public that an oral hearing on these rules will be held on Thursday, September 8, 2022, beginning at 1:00 p.m. and continuing until 2:30 p.m. or until no further testimony is offered, whichever occurs first.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 328-2311. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Alm
Legal Advisory Unit

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cc: Jessica Thomasson, Executive Policy Director
Damian Schlinger, Vocational Rehabilitation

Enclosures

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO
N.D. ADMIN. CODE CHAPTER 75-08-01
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Human Services will hold a public hearing to address proposed amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 75-08-01 at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8, 2022, in Bismarck, N.D. in Room 210, located on the second floor of the Judicial Wing of the State Capitol.

The proposed changes are as follows:

Section 75-08-01-01 is amended to change the definition of “qualified rehabilitation professional” to mean a vocational rehabilitation counselor that has obtained a baccalaureate degree in a field of study reasonably related to vocational rehabilitation and has indicated a level of competency and skill demonstrating basic preparation in a field of study that reasonably prepares the individual to work with consumer and employers. This change is being made to address staffing issues and maximize employment and retention options in staffing.

Section 75-08-01-37 is amended to fix a grammatical error.

The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have an impact on the regulated community in excess of \$50,000. No taking of real property is involved in this rulemaking action.

Copies of the proposed rules are available for review at human service zones and at human service centers. Copies of the proposed rules and the regulatory analysis relating to these rules, may be requested by telephoning (701) 328-2311. Written or oral data, views, or arguments may be entered at the hearing or sent to: Rules Administrator, North Dakota Department of Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Dept. 325, Bismarck, ND 58505-0250. Written data, views, or arguments on the proposed rules must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2022.

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ATTENTION PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Human Services at the above telephone number or address at least two weeks prior to the hearing.

Dated this 29th day of July, 2022.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Department of Human Services is proposing amendments to N.D. Admin. Code chapter 75-08-01, Vocational Rehabilitation. The department has adopted procedures to assure public input into the formulation of the rules prior to adoption.

In conformity with those procedures, we are providing you with a copy of the proposed rules and are requesting that you provide any written data, views, or arguments no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2022.

The department has scheduled an oral hearing for Thursday, September 8, 2022. Further information concerning the public hearing is included in the attached notice of proposed rulemaking and public hearing.

Your participation is welcomed, as are your suggestions. Please send all written data, views, or arguments to: Rules Administrator, Department of Human Services, State Capitol - Judicial Wing, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505-0250.

Sincerely,



Christopher Jones,
Executive Director

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Enclosures

cc: Jill Grossman, Legislative Council
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