## PROPOSED STATE RULES

By law, public notice of proposed rules must be given by publication in newspapers of record. The purpose of these notices is to give the public a chance to respond to the proposals. The public notices for administrative rules are now also available online at https://secure.vermont.gov/SOS/rules/. The law requires an agency to hold a public hearing on a proposed rule, if requested to do so in writing by 25 persons or an association having at least 25 members. To make special arrangements for individuals with disabilities or special

needs please call or write the contact person listed below as soon as possible.

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copies of proposed rule(s) or submit comments regarding proposed rule(s), please call or write the contact person listed below. You may also submit comments in writing to the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules, State House, Montpelier, Vermont 05602 (802-828-2231).

Inflation Adjustment for Private Non-Medical Institutions. Vermont Proposed Rule: 23P005

AGENCY: Agency of Human Services

**CONCISE SUMMARY:** Private non-medical institutions (PNMIs) provide residential treatment to Vermont children, who are placed at PNMI providers by state agencies. These agencies primarily include the Department for Mental Health and the Department for Children and Families. The Division has rules to set per diem Medicaid rates for each provider to reimburse them for the cost of providing room and board, treatment, education, and other services to these children. The Division's current rules reimburse PNMI providers based on historical costs, but do not adjust those historical costs for inflation. This causes financial burdens for providers, particularly during periods of high inflation. This

rule adds an inflation adjustment to Vermont's PNMI Medicaid rates. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: James LaRock, Department of Vermont Health Access, NOB 1 South, 280 State Drive, Waterbury, VT 05671-1010 Tel: 802-241-0251 Fax: 802-241-0260 Email: james.larock@vermont.gov URL: https://dvha.vermont.gov/providers/division-rate-setting/private-nonmedical-institutions-residential-child-care-pnmi.

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