NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS ENACTMENT

Administration of Mental Health and Addiction Services (AMHAS), under its enabling law, Act No. 67-1993, as amended, 24 L.P.R.A. § 2101 et seq, and Act No. 38-2017, as amended, known as the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act of the Government of Puerto Rico, 3 L.P.R.A. § 9601 et seq, approved the Regulations of the Administration of Mental Health and Addiction Services (AMHAS) for the Licensing of Public and Private Provider Institutions Dedicated to the Provision of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Employee Assistance Programs (EAP). These Regulations shall enter into force thirty (30) days after its filing at the State Department of the Government of Puerto Rico, pursuant to Article 2.8 of the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act, 3 L.P.R.A. § 9618.

The purpose of these Regulations is to establish the rules that will govern the licensing processes of any public or private provider institution, for or non for profit, operated by a natural or legal person, that offers mental health and addiction services, including Employee Assistance Programs (PAE). The adoption of these Regulations seeks to ensure the efficient operation of the provider institutions, provision of quality services and compliance with established standards, either by law or regulation, and to guarantee a fair and impartial administrative complaint investigation process. Through the provisions established in these Regulations, the Administrator of the ASSMCA will have the power to regulate andcondition the licensing of any provider institution through a process of Quality & Compliance Inspections and investigation of administrative complaints.

The full text of these Regulations is available to the public at the AMHAS Office of Legal Affairs, located on Road No. 2 Km 8.2, Juan Sánchez Ward, Bayamón, PR 00960 (former Mepsi Center in Bayamón). The work schedule of the Office of Legal Affairs is from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. during working days. The Regulations are also published together with this notice on the AMHAS official website, http://www.assmca.pr.gov

For a period of thirty (30) days, from the date of publication of this notice, any interested person may submit comments in writing or request an oral hearing regarding the Regulations, along with the arguments that according to the applicant grant him/her an oral hearing, to the attention of: Comments on Licensing Regulations, Administration of Mental Health and Addiction Services (AMHAS), Office of Legal Affairs, PO Box 607087, Bayamón, PR 00960-7087, or via email to: comentarios-reglamento@assmca.pr.gov



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