

## 55 Pa.Code Chapter 6400 Regulatory Compliance Guide Public Comment Period Extended to July 15, 2019

### ODP Announcement 19-064

#### **AUDIENCE:**

Individuals, Families and Designated Persons, Providers, Advocacy Organizations, Administrative Entity (AE) Administrators or Directors, County Administrators, Supports Coordination Organizations (SCO) and Other Interested Parties.

#### **PURPOSE:**

To announce an extension to the review and comment period for the 55 Pa.Code Chapter 6400 *Regulatory Compliance Guide*.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

As communicated in Office of Developmental Programs Announcement 19-054, ODP is pleased to announce the release of the Chapter 6400 *Regulatory Compliance Guide* for review and comment. The *Regulatory Compliance Guide*, or RCG, is a companion piece to the updated version of 55 Pa.Code Chapter 6400 regulations (relating to Community Homes for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Autism) that will be released concurrently with the Chapter 6100 regulations. It is meant to help providers, licensing staff, and other stakeholders better understand how the regulations will be administered to ensure the highest possible quality of life for individuals supported in Community Homes. The 6400 RCG will replace the current *Licensing Inspection Instrument*, or LII, as the official Chapter 6400 interpretive guide.

While the 6400 RCG is primarily for use by licensing staff and providers, many of the regulation changes and additions align with the requirements of the forthcoming 6100 Regulations. As such, the guidance provided in the 6400 RCG will be similar if not identical to Chapter 6100 guidance in areas where the regulatory requirements are the same.

In response to multiple stakeholder requests, ODP has extended the deadline for submitting 6400 RCG comments to **July 15, 2019**.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMENTING:**

A 6400 Regulatory Compliance Guide Comment Sheet has been developed to allow commenters to document feedback and suggested revisions to the 6400 RCG.

Comment forms may be sent as an email attachment to ODP's Regulatory Administration Unit at:

[ra-odplicensing@pa.gov](mailto:ra-odplicensing@pa.gov)

If submitting comments by email, please write the following in the subject line: 6400 RCG Comments

Comments may also be sent by traditional mail to:

Regulatory Administration Unit  
Office of Developmental Programs  
Department of Human Services  
Room 411, Health and Welfare Building  
625 Forster Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM on **July 15, 2019**.

The RCG will be modified as appropriate based on the feedback received and published for immediate implementation.

An accessible electronic version of the *6400 Regulatory Compliance Guide* is available upon request. Please email [RA-PWODP\\_OUTREACH@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PWODP_OUTREACH@pa.gov) only to request an accessible copy. Please do not direct comments to this email.