

## New Regulations to be Explored During Human Services Licensing Renewal Inspections ODP Announcement 19-083

### **AUDIENCE:**

Individuals, Families and Designated Persons, Licensed Providers, and Other Interested Parties

### **PURPOSE:**

To inform providers that Chapter 2380, 2390, 6400, and 6500 regulations that will be changed by the Chapter 6100 regulatory package will be explored during renewal inspections beginning July 1, 2019.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The Chapter 6100 regulatory package will change portions of Chapters 2380, 2390, 6400, and 6500 to ensure that regulatory requirements are consistent across all five chapters.

Although Chapter 6100 and the changes to Chapters 2380, 2390, 6400, and 6500 have not been published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin and are not yet in effect, ODP has modified the Certification and Licensing System (CLS) to reflect the changes to Chapters 2380, 2390, 6400, and 6500. Regulations added by Chapter 6100 will appear in CLS, and regulations removed by Chapter 6100 will no longer appear in CLS.

ODP has taken this step to help providers and regulators better understand the updated regulations and identify questions about their implementation before compliance with the updated regulations is required. ODP believes this will help foster a learning culture between providers and regulators and will expedite achieving compliance with the updated regulations.

## THE INSPECTION PROCESS:

For all renewal inspections conducted on or after July 1, 2019 and until such time as the Chapter 6100 regulations are published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin:

- **If a regulation has not changed based on Chapter 6100**, regulators will measure compliance, identify violations, and require plans of correction in accordance with current practice.
- **If a regulation has been removed based on Chapter 6100**, regulators will no longer measure compliance with the regulation.
- **If a regulation has been added based on Chapter 6100**, regulators will not measure compliance with the regulation. Providers will be reminded that the regulations are changing and encouraged to review the revised regulations carefully. Providers may be asked whether they have taken any steps to comply with the revised regulations and will be offered the opportunity to ask questions and make comments about the regulations.

Regulators will not be able to provide definitive answers to providers' questions, but will relay the questions to ODP's Regulatory Administration Unit to support developing Regulatory Compliance Guides.

**Providers are reminded that they are not expected or required to comply with the updated regulations at this time.** This is an introduction to the updated regulations that will benefit both providers and regulators.

Questions or comments about this announcement may be directed to ODP's Regulatory Administration Unit at [ra-odplicensing@pa.gov](mailto:ra-odplicensing@pa.gov).