

Rule Changes

Emergency Rule Changes: Emergency Rule Changes mean a change in the rule that happens now. It happens without public feedback. Emergency Rule Changes can only stay in place for a short time.

Right now, **Section 21** and **Section 29** have Emergency Rule Changes made by the Legislature to increase the pay for home supports, work supports, and community supports.

Proposed Rule Changes: Proposed Rule Changes mean a change in the rule that might happen. The Department of Health and Human Services asks for public feedback on the change. After public feedback, the Department picks the changes it wants and makes the rule permanent as an Adopted Rule Change.

Right now, **Section 21** and **Section 29** have Proposed Rule Changes to increase the pay for home supports, work supports, and community supports. This would make the Emergency Rule Changes permanent. Public feedback is due by October 20, 2018 in writing to Trista.Collins@maine.gov.

Right now, **Section 13** has Proposed Rule Changes to change what Case Managers are allowed to do. This would make it so Case Managers cannot help people manage their money, cannot help them with activities of daily living, and cannot drive them places. This would also make it so Case Management agencies cannot get paid for time spent on paperwork, meetings, data collection, or reminding people about their appointments. The time for public feedback is over.

Right now, there is a Proposed Rule Change to make a **Maine Background Check Center** rule which would make rules around background checks for direct care workers. This would make rules about what to do when someone cannot work because of their background. It also makes rules on how the Maine Background Check Center can increase or decrease the cost of background checks. The time for public feedback is over.

Adopted Rule Changes: Adopted Rule Changes means a change in the rule that is permanent. This happens after a Proposed Rule Change and public feedback.

Right now, **Section 107** has been adopted to make Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities. This would create institutions for children with mental health disabilities. The Department of Health and Human Services states that this is to try to help children who left the state for help, children in psychiatric hospitals, children in emergency rooms, and incarcerated children.

Waiting Rule Changes: Sometimes we know a change in the rule is coming before an Emergency Rule Change or Proposed Rule Change because the Legislature asked for it.

Right now, there are long waitlists for children that need support at home and in the community. The waitlists for these supports are because there are not enough providers. The legislature asked for Emergency Rule Changes to increase the pay for children's supports and case management.