

Medical Assistance Advisory Committee Meeting

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OMHSAS Updates

- **Behavioral Health Council Update**
- **Policy Updates**

Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services (PRS)

- **Chapter 5230 Regulations**
 - Final draft has been sent to the Governor's Office
 - The Final-Form Regulations will be sent to IRRC by September
- **Medicaid State Plan:**
 - OMHSAS is working on adding PRS to the Medicaid State Plan
 - Transportation for Medical Assistance (MA) beneficiaries will be available through the MA Transportation Program
 - Services will be available statewide



OMHSAS UPDATES

- **Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities Regulations**
 - The PRTF regulations are currently in the Commonwealth's executive review process
 - Targeting the 30-day comment period to begin in late summer
 - The Children's Bureau will hold webinars for stakeholders on major changes and additions to be expected in the new regulations. Dates will be announced soon
 - The new regulations do address several of the issues in the U.S. Senate Committee on Finance report on RTFs:
(https://www.finance.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/sfc_report_warehouses_of_neglect.pdf)
- **PA Support and Referral Hotline**
 - The hotline will no longer be in operation as of July 1, 2024
 - May through June 30: Callers receive a message stating that the line will be ending and directing them to 988 or their local crisis number.
 - Starting July 1 through August: Callers will receive an auto attendant message directing individuals to call 988 or their local crisis number

