

PROPOSED STATE RULES

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Administration of Nonemergency Involuntary Psychiatric Medications.

Vermont Proposed Rule: 24P023

AGENCY: Department of Mental Health

CONCISE SUMMARY: This rule outlines the procedures for the administration of nonemergency involuntary psychiatric medications by the Department of Mental Health Services (DMH). This rulemaking adds a “forensic facility,” as defined by Act 27 (2023) to the list of facilities where involuntary psychiatric medications can be administered. Section 7: USE OF RESTRAINTS WHEN ADMINISTERING NONEMERGENCY INVOLUNTARY MEDICATION” has been removed from this rule because these requirements are addressed in a separate DMH rule. Terms and formatting have also been updated.

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