



June 28, 2024

The 2024 legislative session made a few revisions that affect Options, Inc. policies and procedures for our licensed 245D services. According to MN Statutes, chapter 245D.10, subdivision 4, we "...must provide a written notice to all persons or their legal representative and case manager at least 30 days before implementing any procedural revisions to policies affecting a person's service-related or protection-related rights under section 245D.04 and maltreatment reporting policies and procedures. The notice must explain the revision that was made and include a copy of the revised policy and procedure. The license holder must document the reasonable cause for not providing the notice at least 30 days before implementing the revisions."

*Due to the effective date of 7/1/2024 of the legislative changes, we are unable to provide you with a 30-day notice before implementing the revisions. Please see the below explanations for what changed in the policy. You will also find a copy of the revised policy and procedure on maltreatment reporting included in this notice.

Policies and Procedures on maltreatment reporting:

- **Reporting and Review of Maltreatment of Minors**

- Language was updated to reference a new statute, 142B.54 on the internal review requirements for reports of maltreatment of minors. Minnesota Statutes, section 245A.66, Subd. 1, was updated with the following changes:

Subdivision 1. **Internal review.** Except for family child care settings and foster care for children in the license holder's residence, License holders serving children shall be subject to the requirements of section 142B.54, subdivision 1.

In addition, a revision occurred to the Admission policy as stated below. Copies of this policy (or any of our 245D policies) are available upon request or on our website at www.optionsincmn.org.

- **Admission** – updated language to refer to the 45/60 day meeting for Intensive Services to be called the initial planning meeting and timeline language was updated to meet the revised statute language.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions!

Sincerely,

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