



OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

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CONCORD, NH 03301

Rulemaking Notice Form

Notice Number: 2026-125

Rule Number: He-M 527

1. **Agency:** Department of Health and Human Services

Agency Address: Department of Health and Human Services
Bureau of Developmental Services
105 Pleasant Street, Main Bldg.
Concord, NH 03301

2. **RSA Authority:** RSA 171-A:3; RSA 171-A:20; and RSA 171-A:8-a
3. **Federal Authority:**
4. **Action(s):** Readopt w/Amendment
5. **Short Title:** Admission to and Discharge from a Developmental Services Designated Receiving Facility
6. **(a) Summary of what the rule says and of any proposed amendments including whether the rule implements a state statute for the first time:**

He-M 527 establishes the criteria and procedures for admission to and discharge from a developmental services designated receiving facility (DRF). He-M 527 is scheduled to expire on July 1, 2026, but is subject to extension pursuant to RSA 541-A:14-a.

The Department of Health and Human Services (Department) is proposing to readopt with amendment He-M 527. The proposed amendments include:

- Amending various provisions of the rule for better clarity, program integrity, and to align the rule with current practices, and making minor substantive and

editorial revisions throughout to include updated citations, terminology, grammar, and punctuation;

- Making no revisions to He-M 527.01 on the purpose of He-M 527;
- Amending He-M 527.02 on definitions by updating the definition of “commissioner”, “conditional discharge”, “designated receiving facility”, “individual”, “involuntary admission”, “least restrictive environment”, and “voluntary admission”;
- Amending He-M 527.03 on admission to a DRF to include the use of the term “individual” and to add additional administrative rule citations;
- Amending He-M 527.04 on transfers to or from a DRF to include use of the term “individual”;
- Reorganizing the existing He-M 527.06 on discharge of an individual involuntarily admitted renumbering it as He-M 527.05 and make minor terminology revisions to include “person” to “individual” and “his or her” to “their”;
- Amending He-M 527.06, formerly He-M 527.05, on discharge of an individual voluntarily admitted to include the use of the term “individual”, remove the requirement to discharge an individual within 24 hours, and make other minor clarifying revisions; and
- Amending He-M 527.07 on waivers to update the waiver request form to the most recently adopted version, clarify the entities responsible for completing and submitting waivers, and to update contact information for submission.

6. **(b) Brief description of the groups affected:**

He-M 527 affects developmental services designated receiving facilities and the individuals who receive services in those facilities.

6. **(c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:**

RULE	SPECIFIC STATE STATUTES WHICH THE RULE IMPLEMENTS
He-M 527.01	RSA 171-A:3
He-M 527.02	RSA 171-A:3
He-M 527.03	RSA 171-B:2
He-M 527.04	RSA 171-A:8-a
He-M 527.05 (formerly He-M 527.06)	RSA 171-A:21

He-M 527.06 (formerly He-M 527.05)	RSA 171-A:3
He-M 527.07	RSA 171-A:3; RSA 541-A:22, IV

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified:

Thursday, August 13, 2026

☒ **Fax**
☒ **Email** at allyson.e.raadmae@dhhs.nh.gov
☐ **Other**

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date: Thursday, August 6, 2026

Time: 10:30 AM

Place: DHHS Brown Building Auditorium, 129 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301

Electronic Access, if applicable: N/A

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant):

FIS #: 26:098, dated: Monday, June 8, 2026

1. Comparison of the costs of the proposed rule(s) to the existing rule(s):

There is no difference in cost between the proposed rules and the existing rules.

2. Cite the Federal mandate. Identify the impact on state funds:

No federal mandate, no impact on state funds.

3. Cost and benefits of the proposed rule(s):

A. To State general or State special funds:
None.

B. To State citizens and political subdivisions:
None.

C. To independently owned businesses:
None.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

The proposed rules modify an existing program or responsibility, but do not mandate any fees, duties, or expenditures on the political subdivisions of the state, and therefore do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution.