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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Children and Families proposes to amend its Glossary regulations, 110 CMR 2.00, under the authority of M.G.L. c. 18B, §§ 3 and 7, and M.G.L. c. 119, §§ 26 and 37, and following M.G.L. c. 30A, §3.

110 CMR 2.00 provides definitions for terms used in 110 CMR. The proposed amendment changes the “physical injury” subsection (d) definition from “addiction to drug at birth” to “exposure to harmful patterns of substance use.” The proposed amendments also modernize outdated terms, reorder definitions alphabetically, and replace or eliminate outdated regulatory cites.

Individuals wishing to submit public comment may do so by sending comments to Thomas P. Weierman, Deputy General Counsel, Department of Children and Families, One Ashburton Place, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02108 or by email to Thomas.P.Weierman@mass.gov on or before April 18, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.

Individuals wishing to review the current draft of the proposed amendments may find a copy at www.mass.gov/dcf or may request a copy in writing or in person from Office of the General Counsel, Department of Children and Families, One Ashburton Place, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02108 or by e-mail at Thomas.P.Weierman@mass.gov, or by calling (617) 748-2063.

By order of the Department of Children and Families

Staverne Miller

Commissioner

Small Business Impact Statement

(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)

Agency: Department of Children and Families

CMR No.: 110 CMR 2.00: Glossary

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: 0

The obligations in this regulation apply to the Department of Children & Families, mandated reporters, and families involved with the Department.

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports? <i>The regulation does not affect small business.</i>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures? <i>The regulation does not affect small business.</i>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight? <i>The regulation does not affect small business.</i>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation? <i>The regulation does not affect small business.</i>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)? <i>The regulation does not affect small business.</i>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation? <i>The regulation does not affect small business.</i>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are performance standards more appropriate than design/operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective? (Performance standards express requirements in terms of outcomes, giving the regulated party flexibility to achieve regulatory objectives and design/operational standards specify exactly what actions regulated parties must take.) <i>No. This is a proposed change to an already-defined term used in the Department's existing regulations.</i>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation? <i>The regulation does not affect small business.</i>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities? <i>The regulation does not affect small business.</i>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements? <i>The regulation does not affect small business.</i>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? <i>The regulation does not affect small business.</i>

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts? <i>The regulation does not affect small business.</i>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? <i>The regulation does not affect small business.</i>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? <i>The regulation does not affect small business.</i>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses? <i>The regulation does not affect small business.</i>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective? <i>The regulation does not affect small business.</i>
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses? <i>The regulation does not affect small business.</i>