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**Authorized Signature**

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**Topic:** Mental Health

**Transmitting (check the box that best applies):**

- New Policy   
  Policy Change   
  Policy Clarification   
  Executive Letter  
 Administrative Rule   
  Manual Update   
  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

- All DHS employees                     
  County Mental Health Directors  
 Area Agencies on Aging               
  Health Services  
 Children, Adults and Families       
  Seniors and People with Disabilities  
 County DD Program Managers       
  Other (please specify):

Policy/Rule Title:	Requirement to Attend an Assessment or Evaluation, or Seek Medically Appropriate Treatment for Substance Abuse and Mental Health; Disqualification and Penalties; Pre-TANF, REF, TANF		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	461-135-0085	Release No:	
Effective Date:	January 1, 2009	Expiration:	
References:			
Web Address:			

**Discussion/Interpretation:**

This rule has been amended to help clarify and ensure that DHS is in alignment with Federal and State law, regulations and statutes.

This rule covers Pre-TANF, TANF, and REF. Post-TANF and SFPSS program are not included in this rule and have been removed.

Definitions: Clarify definition of “Controlled Substance” and “Self Identified illegal use.” Added a definition of “Assessment for substance abuse.”

Clarified when assessments or evaluations may be required. Also clarified when treatment may be required. Added language describing treatment as “medically

appropriate.” This allows participants to choose among several “medically appropriate” treatment options.

**Implementation/Transition Instructions:**

**Training/Communication Plan:**

The changes are being incorporated into existing training for self-sufficiency staff.

**Local/Branch Action Required:**

Review and discuss rule with staff.

**Central Office Action Required:**

**Field/Stakeholder review:**     Yes     No

**If yes, reviewed by:** Self-Sufficiency Rules Advisory Committee

**Filing Instructions:**

*If you have any questions about this policy, contact:*

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