## **ADOPTIONS SECTION**

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THE COMMISSIONER

**Notice of Extension of Chapter Expiration Date** 

**Residential Community Programs** 

N.J.A.C. 10A:20

**Take notice** that the Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Corrections ("Department") informed Governor Phillip D. Murphy that the rules entitled Residential Community Programs, N.J.A.C. 10A:20, were scheduled to expire on December 7, 2022, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1(b); were extended 180 days to the timely filing of a Notice of Proposed Readoption with Amendments pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1(c)(2); and are currently set to expire on June 5, 2023.

The Department is presently undertaking a rulemaking published elsewhere in this issue of the New Jersey Register at 55 N.J.R. 1251(a) that will make several changes to N.J.A.C. 10A:20. These changes would expand program services to incarcerated persons, focus on increasing success and reintegration upon release, and improve opportunities to reduce recidivism. As these changes will not be adopted before the chapter expires, the Commissioner of the Department, in consultation with the Office of Community Programs and Reintegration, has requested an extension to the chapter in order to continue the existing provisions pending the adoption of the updated chapter.

By the authority vested in him pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.d(1), Governor Phillip D. Murphy, on May 25, 2023, directed that the expiration date be extended for N.J.A.C. 10A:20, for a period of 12 months, from June 5, 2023, to June 5, 2024.