



**Notice of Proposed Rulemaking  
Summary**

**Amend 14 NYCRR PART 815  
PATIENT RIGHTS**

In addition to technical amendments updating this regulation consistent with Title 14, the Proposed Rule amends Part 815 as follows:

§815.1 Legal Base. Updates to utilize appropriate language. Addition of reference to NYS Human Rights Law.

§815.4 Provider requirements. Updates to utilize appropriate language, include references to person-centered and trauma informed care delivery. Clarification that providers may not base program admission on specific identification requirements. Clarification on the requirement for providers to have policies related to the provision of medication for addiction treatment for substance use disorder.

§815.5 Patient rights. Updates to utilize appropriate language, include references to person-centered and trauma informed care delivery. Addition of provisions relating to non-discrimination in program admission. Clarification on a patient's right to access medication for addiction treatment for substance use disorder.

§815.6 Patient responsibilities. Updates to utilize appropriate language, include references to person-centered and trauma informed care delivery.

§815.7 Procedure at discharge. Updates to utilize appropriate language, include references to person-centered and trauma informed care delivery.

§815.8 Toxicology testing. Updates to utilize appropriate language, include references to person-centered and trauma informed care delivery and consistent with OASAS guidance.

§815.9 Patient use of prescription medication. Updates to utilize appropriate language, include references to person-centered and trauma informed care delivery.

§815.10 Patient screening. Programs are explicitly prohibited from conducting body cavity searches. Alternatives to body cavity searches are provided.

§815.12 Research subjects. Updates to appropriate language references.

§815.13 Staff and client relationships. Inclusion of reference to regular trainings regarding appropriate boundaries between staff and clients/patients.

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