



**To:** Provider Associations  
Voluntary Provider Agency Executive Directors  
Developmental Disabilities State Operations Office Directors  
Developmental Disabilities Regional Office Directors  
IBR Director  
Commissioner's Advisory Council  
OPWDD Required Regulations Mailing List

**From:** OPWDD Office of Counsel, Bureau of Policy and Regulatory Affairs

**Date:** November 17, 2015

**Re:** Final Regulations: Implementation of the Protection of People with Special Needs Act and Reforms to Incident Management

**Suggested distribution:**

Administrators and Management Staff  
Incident Coordinators and Investigators  
Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Staff  
Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professionals and Clinical Staff  
Medicaid Service Coordination Staff

**Purpose:**

OPWDD has finalized the emergency/proposed regulations to implement provisions of the Protection of People with Special Needs Act (PPSNA) and make reforms in incident management. The regulations will be permanently adopted effective December 2, 2015.

There are no changes in the final regulations compared with the emergency/proposed regulations that were effective on September 8, 2015.

The full text and a summary of the regulations and an assessment of public comments OPWDD received on the regulations can be accessed on the OPWDD website at [www.opwdd.ny.gov](http://www.opwdd.ny.gov) under "Regulations & Guidance."

OPWDD plans to issue guidance to the field on the final regulations.

Please contact the OPWDD Incident Management Unit at [Incident.Management@OPWDD.ny.gov](mailto:Incident.Management@OPWDD.ny.gov) regarding questions or concerns on final regulations.

Thank you.