DADS Proposes Recommendations for Day Habilitation Facilities

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DADS proposes a new §9.230 in 40 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 9, Subchapter E, to implement recommendations in the Sunset Advisory Commission’s July 2015 report regarding “day habilitation facilities” in the Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with an Intellectual Disability or Related Conditions (ICF/IID) program.

The proposed new TAC §9.230 requires an ICF/IID program provider to include the following requirements in a contract with a day habilitation center:

- Conduct background checks on employees and volunteers;
- Have an emergency response plan;
- Conduct fire drills;
- Post abuse hotline information; and
- Follow an individual’s service plan.

Proposed new TAC §9.230 also requires an ICF/IID program provider that directly operates a day habilitation center to:

- Conduct fire drills;
- Post abuse hotline information; and
- Have an emergency preparedness and response plan.

Chapter 9 rules were published in the July 8, 2016, issue of the Texas Register.

For more information about where and how to submit comments, please refer to the section titled “Public Comment” in the Texas Register.