

# THE GOVERNOR

## Title 4—ADMINISTRATION

### PART II. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

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[EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2002-7]

#### Integrating Mediation Into State Government

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*Whereas*, traditional adjudicatory processes have become increasingly costly, time consuming, and contentious; and

*Whereas*, this Administration is committed to ensuring that state departments, boards, commissions, and agencies utilize more efficient and less expensive methods of resolving disputes; and

*Whereas*, mediation is a voluntary (unless otherwise ordered), informal process through which a neutral third party (the mediator) assists the parties in reaching a mutually acceptable resolution of their dispute, and the parties themselves control the outcome as opposed to having the outcome determined by an adjudicator; and

*Whereas*, mediation offers an efficient, less expensive, and more satisfactory method for resolving disputes, and allows the process to be tailored to the disputants' needs; and

*Whereas*, an increased use of mediation by state departments, boards, commissions, and agencies will enhance the operation of state government and better serve the public; and

*Whereas*, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has an interest in promoting and modeling the values, understanding, public awareness, and practice of mediation and collaborative problem solving.

*Now, therefore*, I, Mark S. Schweiker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws, do hereby adopt the policy of integrating mediation into state government.



Governor

**Fiscal Note:** GOV 02-7. No fiscal impact; (8) recommends adoption.

**Annex A**  
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**CHAPTER 7. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**  
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**§ 7.791. Use of mediation.**

Each department, board, commission, council and agency under the jurisdiction of the Governor shall become familiar with mediation, when and how it might be used and regularly explore, encourage and facilitate its use.

**§ 7.792. Mediation coordinator.**

Each department, board, commission, council and agency under the jurisdiction of the Governor shall designate a mediation coordinator who shall encourage and facilitate the use of mediation and report directly to the secretary, director, commissioners or other designated officials.

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