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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 420 Department or Agency Alabama Department of Public Health

Rule Number : 420-2-2-.06

Rule Title: Regional Trauma Advisory Councils

 New X Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare or safety? YES

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety or welfare? YES

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NO

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? YES

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? NO

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of §41-22-23, Code of Alabama, 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama, 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of Certifying Officer  Date 7/23/12



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**STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Department of Public Health

RULE NUMBER AND TITLE: 420-2-2-.06 Trauma Center Designation

INTENDED ACTION: To establish Alabama Statewide Trauma System Rules.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To amend current rule to require out-of-state trauma center hospitals to participate on the Regional Trauma Advisory Council.

TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: A public hearing will be held on August 14, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in Montgomery at the RSA Tower, 201 Monroe Street, Room 1586.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENTS AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: Written or oral comments will be received until the close of the record at 5:00 p.m. on September 4, 2012. All comments and requests for copies of the proposed rule should be addressed to the contact person listed below.

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Patricia E. Ivie, Agency Secretary

420-2-2-.06 Regional Trauma Advisory Councils.

- (1) Creation. Regional councils are established to advise, consult with, and accommodate specific regional needs. Each regional council shall provide data required by the Department or the Council to assess the effectiveness of the statewide trauma system
- (2) Membership. Each regional council shall have a minimum of 10 members. The membership of the regional councils shall be appointed in the same manner as the Council is appointed and shall be composed of representatives of the same groups. The chair of each regional council shall be elected by its members to serve for a four year term. The members shall represent the demographic composition of the region served and include representation for any out-of-state trauma center participating in the region, as far as practicable. Regional trauma advisory council members shall be entitled to reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as the same rate as state employees.
- (3) Responsibilities. The regional trauma council is responsible for direct oversight and management of its specific regional trauma system. The regional council shall review the entire regional trauma program activities for appropriateness, quality, and quantity to include pre-hospital and hospital care. The regional trauma council shall decide the appropriate secondary patient care triage criteria for their specific region to ensure patients are routed to the closest and most appropriate hospital according to their injuries.

In addition, the regional council shall fulfill the responsibilities as listed below:

1. Maintain standards;
 2. Collect data;
 3. Evaluate data-determine audit filters;
 4. Re-evaluate to determine effectiveness of corrective action;
 5. Participate on Regional Trauma QI Committee;
 6. Devise plan of corrective action for QI issues;
- (4) Committees.
1. QA/QI Committees. The regional trauma advisory councils shall document the effectiveness of hospital and emergency medical service QA/QI evaluations through routine reports of these QA/QI activities provided by each trauma system entity in their specific region. The regional trauma council will routinely perform focused review of specific QA/QI items of pre-hospital and hospital trauma care activities as determined appropriate by the regional trauma council. Recommendations for action will be developed by the committee based on analysis of data/information evaluated during committee function. The regional trauma council will submit quarterly compliance

reports to the Office of EMS and Trauma for review to ensure the system process is followed.

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Statutory Authority: Alabama Legislature, Act 299, Regular Session, 2007

Code of Alabama, 1975, §22-11D-1, et seq.)

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