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**TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

Control 420 Alabama Department of Public Health

Rule Number 420-4-1 Appendix II

Rule Title Routine Prenatal Screening for Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD)

       New        Amend XXXX 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? n/a

Are all facts 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 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 Fabrice One Date 6/16/2014

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**FORM APA2**  
**11/96**

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

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Department of Public Health

RULE NUMBER AND TITLE: 420-4-1 Appendix II, Routine Prenatal Screening for Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD)

INTENDED ACTION: Repeal of 420-4-1 Appendix II

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To repeal the attachment to Rule 420-4-1-.14 since that rule is being repealed.

TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: A public hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. July 29, 2014, at the Alabama Department of Public Health, RSA Tower, Suite 1540, 201 Monroe Street, Montgomery, AL 36104.

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 August 4, 2014. All comments and requests for copies of the proposed amendments should be addressed to the contact person listed below.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Sherri Davidson, Analysis and Reporting Branch Manager, Epidemiology Division of the Bureau of Communicable Disease, Department of Public Health, 201 Monroe Street, Suite 1460, Montgomery, Alabama 36104. Telephone number (334) 206-2050.

  
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Patricia E. Ivie, Agency Secretary

APPENDIX II

ATTACHMENT TO RULE 420-4-1-.14

Routine Prenatal Screening for Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD)

Test	Initial Prenatal Visit	Third Trimester	Labor and Delivery (L&D)	Comments
All tests must be FDA approved Syphilis	Indicated for all women	Indicated based on positive risk assessment* (28 weeks' gestation)	Indicated for all women	
HIV	Indicated for all women not previously confirmed as HIV infected	Offer if not done before	Offer if not done before	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document patient refusal</li> <li>• Patients who declined testing should be offered test again during 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester and/or in L&amp;D</li> <li>• Confirmatory test indicated prior to notifying patient except when patient presents to L&amp;D with no prenatal care; in this case, perform rapid test and follow up with confirmatory testing.</li> </ul>

Chlamydia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 24 and younger: Indicated for all women</li> <li>• Age 25 and older: Indicated if unmarried OR based on positive risk assessment*</li> </ul>	Indicated based on positive risk assessment*		
Gonorrhea	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 24 and younger: Indicated for all women</li> <li>• Age 25 and older: Indicated if unmarried OR based on positive risk assessment*</li> </ul>	Indicated based on positive risk assessment*		

No Prenatal Care – Patient Presents at Delivery

Test	Labor and Delivery
Syphilis	Indicated for all women
HIV	Indicated for all women not previously confirmed as HIV infected—use rapid test first and then a confirmatory test
Chlamydia	Indicated if clinically feasible
Gonorrhea	Indicated if clinically feasible

\*Positive Risk Assessment – Presence of one or more risk factors including, but not limited to, a history of Multiple sex partners or an at-risk partner during the pregnancy

- STD during the pregnancy
- Exchanging sex for money or drugs

Use of illicit drugs

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~~**Statutory Authority:** Code of Ala. 1975, §§22-2-2(6), 22-11A-1,  
et. seq.~~

~~**History: New Rule:** Filed February 17, 2006; effective  
March 24, 2006.~~