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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 420 Department or Agency Alabama Department of Public Health

Rule Number 420-5-7-.12
Rule Title Infection Control

New Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare or safety? No

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 Sine Date 5/17/2013

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STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Department of Public Health

RULE NUMBER AND TITLE: 420-5-7-.12 Infection Control

INTENDED ACTION: Amendment to Rule number 420-5-7-.12

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To modify the state hospital rules bringing them into conformity with recent changes to the federal regulations. This change simplifies the management of the hospital infection control officer.

TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: A public hearing will be held on June 11, 2013, at 201 Monroe Street, RSA Tower, Suite 1586, The Board Room, Montgomery, AL 36104, at 2:30 p.m.

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 July 5, 2013. All comments and requests for copies of the proposed rule should be addressed to the contact person listed below.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Walter T. Geary, Jr., M.D., Director, Bureau of Health Provider Standards, Department of Public Health, 201 Monroe Street, Suite 710, Montgomery, Alabama 36104, telephone number (334) 206-5366.



Patricia E. Ivie, Agency Secretary

420-5-7-.12 Infection Control.

(1) The hospital shall provide a sanitary environment to avoid sources and transmission of infections and communicable diseases. There shall be an active program for the prevention, control, and investigation of infections and communicable diseases.

(2) Organization and policies. A person or persons shall be designated as infection control officer or officers to develop and implement policies governing control of infections and communicable diseases. The infection control officer or officers shall develop a system for identifying, reporting, investigating, and controlling infections and communicable diseases of patients and personnel.

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~~(b) — The infection control officer or officers shall maintain a log of incidents related to infections and communicable diseases.~~

(3) Responsibilities of chief executive officer, medical staff, and director of nursing services. The chief executive officer, the medical staff, and the director of nursing services shall:

(a) Ensure that the hospital-wide quality assurance program and training programs address problems identified by the infection control officer or officers; and

(b) Be responsible for the implementation of successful corrective action plans in affected problem areas.

(4) Laundry services provided by the hospital shall have reasonable and adequate infection control practices used at all times.

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Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, §§22-21-20, et seq.

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