STATE BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Department of Public Health

RULE NUMBER AND TITLE: 420-4-1-.15 Directly Observed Therapy for Tuberculosis Patients

INTENDED ACTION: Adoption of new rule by the State Board of Health

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The proposed rule applies to the department's standard of practice for tuberculosis patients. This standard of practice includes the use of directly observed therapy, defined as the direct observation of medication administration, for patients who the department determines require assistance or supervision in order to successfully complete therapy.

TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: A public hearing will be held only if requested by an interested party. A written request should be submitted to the agency contact person listed below.

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 June 4, 2007. All comments and requests for copies of the proposed amendments should be addressed to the contact person listed below.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Charles H. Woernle, M.D., M.P.H., Department of Public Health, 201 Monroe Street, Suite 1466, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-3017. Telephone number (334) 206-5325.

John R. Wible, Agency Secretary