## STATE BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Department of Public Health

RULE NUMBER AND TITLE: 420-5-1-.03 Patient Care

INTENDED ACTION: To amend the current rules

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: This amendment provides a mechanism for continued operation of a licensed abortion center in the event that there is evidence presented to the Department that no abortion center physician has been able to secure local hospital privileges and that a contract with a qualified covering physician cannot be obtained.

TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: A public hearing will be held on March 9, 2016, at 9:00 a.m., at the RSA Tower Building, Room 982, 201 Monroe Street, Montgomery, AL 36104. Written comments should be mailed to the agency contact person noted 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 April 4, 2016. All comments and requests for copies of the proposed amendments 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, P.O. Box 303017, Montgomery, Alabama 36130-3017, Telephone number: (334) 206-5366.

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