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STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Department of Public Health

RULE NUMBER AND TITLE: 420-4-5 Healthcare-Associated Infections Reporting

INTENDED ACTION: Amend Rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Mike Denton Infection Reporting Act requires that the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) shall promulgate rules and regulations to facilitate the mandatory reporting and collection of specific healthcare-associated infections by healthcare facilities. Rules mandate the use of the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) system and definitions to report HAI data. The locations of all adult and neonatal intensive care units from which central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSIs), and all adult and pediatric intensive care units from which catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTIs) can be reported have been added to mandatory reporting through NHSN. These locations are included in national reporting to the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services, and with the added locations, ADPH will be better prepared to provide appropriate comparisons for the public.

TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: A public hearing will be held on August 13, 2013 at 201 Monroe Street, RSA Tower, Suite 1540, Montgomery, AL 36104 at 9:00 am.

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

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Pat Ivie, Agency Secretary