

STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME:

STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

(Certificate of Need Review Board)

RULE NO. & TITLE: 410-1-10-.01 Emergency Review

INTENDED ACTION:

The State Health Planning and Development Agency and the Certificate of Need Review Board propose to amend the above-styled section of the *Alabama Certificate of Need Program Rules and Regulations*.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

This amendment would ensure that notice is given to affected parties of an emergency request for a certificate of need (CON) and provide for a fifteen (15) day comment period prior to issuance of the CON, unless the Chairman and Vice-Chairman deem a shorter period is necessary to protect the health and safety of patients. The amendment provides that the emergency CON request may be approved by either the Chairman or Vice-Chairman if the other officer is recused from participation in the matter and memorializes the existing practice of allowing an appeal of an emergency CON to a fair hearing officer, which SHPDA has deemed required under current law.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

In response to this Proposed Rule, all interested persons are invited to submit data, views, comments and/or arguments, orally or in writing. Any and all such data, comments, arguments and/or requests to orally address the Certificate of Need Review Board shall be made in writing on or before May 6, 2015, and shall be made to:

Nicole Horn, Executive Secretary State Health Planning and Development Agency P. O. Box 303025 Montgomery, Alabama 36130-3025

On May 20, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., the Certificate of Need Review Board shall conduct a public hearing in the State Capitol, Capitol Auditorium, 600 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama, at which time it shall consider the Proposed Amendment, along with all written and oral submissions respecting the Proposed Amendment. Only those interested persons who have made timely written requests will be afforded the opportunity to speak.

Copies of the proposed changes are available for review at 100 North Union Street, RSA Union Building, Suite 870, Montgomery, Alabama. Phone (334) 242-4103 or visit the office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding State holidays.

<u>FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:</u> May 6, 2015

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

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