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**STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Department of Public Health

RULE NUMBER AND TITLE: 420-5-17-.04 Patients' Rights


INTENDED ACTION: Amendment to Rule number 420-5-17-.04 Patients' Rights

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To modify the state hospice rules bringing them into conformity with changes to the federal regulations. This change allows for immediate discharge of patients who no longer qualify for hospice care rather than requiring a 30 day advance notice. The amendment maintains requirements that such patients and families receive all necessary materials, information and assistance at the time of discharge.

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 2:00 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.


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