## 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 November 24, 2015, at 9:00 a.m., at the RSA Tower, Room 982, 201 Monroe Street, Montgomery, AL 36104.

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 Monday, December 7, 2015. 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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