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

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Department of Public Health

RULE NUMBER AND TITLE: 420-2-2-.07 Patient Entry Criteria for Hospitals

INTENDED ACTION: To establish criteria for in-hospital personnel to enter into the Alabama Trauma System a patient who has been involved in a trauma or burn incident.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: While most patients will be entered into the trauma system by the EMTs who care for them in the field, some patients bypass the prehospital EMS system and are delivered to hospitals by private vehicles. It is in the best interest of these patients to be entered into the trauma system in order to facilitate their transfer to the appropriate trauma hospital, if the original hospital lacks the resources to care for them. Also, by being entered into the trauma system, information about the patients and their care is captured by the trauma registry for the quality improvement process. The Patient Entry Criteria for Hospitals will accomplish this.

TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: A public hearing will be held on October 21, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. in Montgomery at the RSA Tower, 201 Monroe Street, Room 1586.

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 November 4, 2008. All comments and requests for copies of the proposed amendment should be addressed to the contact person listed below.

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