



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF
PROPOSED RULE CHANGES**

Pursuant to the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act, Official Code of Georgia (O.C.G.A.) 50-13-1 et seq., the Georgia Department of Community Health is required to provide public notice of its intent to adopt, amend or repeal certain rules other than interpretive rules or general statements of policy. Accordingly, the Department hereby provides notice of its intent to amend the Rules and Regulations for **Nursing Homes, Chapter 111-8-56**. These changes are being proposed pursuant to the authority granted to the Department in O.C.G.A. §§ 31-2-5 and 31-2-7. An exact copy of the revised rules and a synopsis of the revisions are attached to this public notice.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

An opportunity for public comment will be held on **December 12, 2016 at 10:15 am**, at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Oral comments may be limited to 10 minutes per person. Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should contact the Office of General Counsel at (404) 657-7195 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

Citizens wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before December 14, 2016. Comments may be faxed to (404) 656-0663, emailed to pjohnson@dch.ga.gov or mailed to the following address:

Attention: Office of General Counsel
Georgia Department of Community Health
Post Office Box 1966
Atlanta, Georgia 30301

Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the January 2017 Board meeting. The Board will vote on the proposed changes at the Board meeting to be held at 10:30 a.m. on January 12, 2017 at the Georgia Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303 in the Fifth Floor Board Room).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 10th DAY OF November, 2016.

Clyde L. Reese III, Esq., Commissioner

Attachments