

**RULES OF
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
HEALTHCARE FACILITY REGULATION DIVISION**

**NEW CHAPTER 111-8-1
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ADULT DAY CENTERS**

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED NEW RULES

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: The Department of Community Health proposes to adopt the Rules and Regulations for Adult Day Centers, Chapter 111-8-1, to identify minimum standards to safeguard and protect the wellbeing of aging adults receiving services from adult day centers. These rules are being proposed pursuant to the authority granted the Department of Community Health in Official Code of Georgia (O.C.G.A.) §§ 31-2-5, 31-2-7 and 49-6-80 et seq., the Adult Day Center for Aging Adults Licensure Act.

MAIN FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED RULES:

The rules outline minimum requirements to obtain licensure and those entities that are exempt from licensure.

The rules define applicable terms, including “adult day centers”, “adult day care”, and “aging adults.”

The rules define two service models, including the social model and health model. The rules further define requirements for licensed facilities providing mobile adult day care services.

The rules define minimum standards governing the physical layout of the facility and compliance with applicable zoning, physical plant and safety and fire safety requirements.

The rules define minimum staffing requirements and the process for determining the maximum number of participants that may be served.

The rules identify policies and procedures that must be maintained by the governing body, including disaster preparedness, hiring and screening of staff and volunteers, infection control, safe handling of food, nutrition services, and medication administration as applicable.

The rules establish participant rights and mandatory reporting requirements applicable to the facility.

The rules further define the facility’s obligation to cooperate with Department inspections and complaint investigations.