



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 interpretative rules or general statements of policy. Accordingly, the Department hereby provides notice of its intent to revise its rules and regulations, specifically, Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 111-8-4, Healthcare Facility Regulation, Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers. The proposed rule change reflects an amendment to a rule cited in Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 111-8-4-.24 by deleting a reference to Chapter 290-5-32, Rules of Department of Human Services, that is obsolete because of the passage of House Bill 481 during the 2019 legislative session. This change is being proposed pursuant to the authority granted to the Department of Community Health in O.C.G.A. §§ 31-2-4 *et seq.* and 31-7-1 *et seq.* 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 September 6, 2022, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. There will be no in-person attendance at the Department of Community Health. The Zoom meeting ID number is 893 0501 6934 and the event password is “**Open**”. Follow these instructions to join the event:

1. Click the link or copy and paste the link text to a browser:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89305016934?pwd=S0c0aklZeJBJUThnbVFTZGZIMEhndz09>

2. Click “Join Now”

To join by telephone:

Call-in toll free number (US/Canada):

One tap mobile

+16465588656,,89305016934# US (New York)

+16469313860,,89305016934# US

Meeting ID: 893 0501 6934



Oral comments will be limited to ten (10) minutes per person. Individuals who are disabled and require 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.

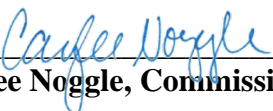
Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes must do so on or before September 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Due to reduced physical staffing at the 2 Peachtree Street location in an attempt to limit the amount of exposure to COVID-19, DCH encourages written public comments submitted in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(2) to be submitted via e-mail to the following e-mail address: **PublicComment@dch.ga.gov**.

Written comments may be submitted via regular mail to the following address:

Attention: Alycia Allgood
Office of General Counsel
Georgia Department of Community Health
2 Peachtree Street, NW, 40th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303

Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to October 13, 2022. The Board will vote on the proposed changes on October 13, 2022.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 11th DAY OF AUGUST, 2022



Caylee Noggle, Commissioner

**111. RULES OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
111-8. HEALTHCARE FACILITY REGULATION
111-8-4. AMBULATORY SURGICAL TREATMENT CENTERS**

AMEND CHAPTER 111-8-4-.24

SYNOPSIS OF REVISED RULES

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The Georgia Department of Community Health proposes to amend and update the Rules and Regulations for Healthcare Facility Regulation, Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Centers, Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 111-8-4-.24. This rule is being amended pursuant to the authority granted to the Department of Community Health in O.C.G.A. § 31-2-4 *et seq.* and O.C.G.A. § 31-7-1 *et seq.*

MAIN FEATURES OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

The proposed rule change reflects an amendment to a rule cited in Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 111-8-4-.24 that is obsolete because of the passage of House Bill 481 during the 2019 legislative session.

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111-8-4-.24 Applicability of Regulations

Rule 111-8-4-.24 Applicability of Regulations

These regulations are applicable only to ambulatory surgical treatment centers and the services provided therein, and expressly do not modify or revoke any of the provisions of the published rules of the Department of Community Health, Chapter 111-8-40 (Rules and Regulations for Hospitals), ~~or Chapter 290-5-32 (Rules and Regulations for Performance of Abortions After the First Trimester of Pregnancy and Reporting Requirements for all Abortions)~~, or of revisions which may be made to said regulations.

Cite as Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 111-8-4-.24

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 31-2-4 *et seq.* and 31-7-1 *et seq.*

History. Original Rule entitled "Applicability of Regulations" adopted. F. Feb. 20, 2013; eff. Mar. 12, 2013.