



### 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 adopt the Ga. Comp. Rules and Regs., R. 111-8-56, Rules and Regulations for the Nursing Homes. These rules 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 rule and a synopsis of the rule are attached to this public notice.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

An opportunity for public comment will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. via WebEx audio. There will be no in-person attendance at the Department of Community Health. Follow these instructions to join the event:

1. Copy the following link to a browser:  
<https://dchevents.webex.com/dchevents/j.php?MTID=m82089a5255e83cd7164d94eec04833ee>
2. Click "Join Now"

Event number: 2559 816 4561  
Event password: Open (6736 from phones)

To join by phone  
1-650-479-3207 Call-in toll number (US/Canada)  
Access code: 255 981 64561

Oral comments may 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 (470) 259-0735 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 19, 2021. Due to reduced physical staffing at the 2 Peachtree St. 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 email to the following e-mail address: **Public.Comment@dch.ga.gov**.




**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

Any comments not able to be submitted via e-mail 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, 40<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Atlanta, GA 30303

Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to December 9, 2021. The Board will vote on the proposed changes on Thursday, December 9, 2021.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021**

  
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**Ryan Loke, Deputy Commissioner & Chief Health Policy Officer**