



**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 Hospitals, Chapter 111-8-40**. 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 **April 15, 2014 at 11:00 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 April 23, 2014. 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 April 29, 2014. The Board will vote on the proposed changes at special called meeting on April 29, 2014.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH, 2014

Clyde L. Reese III, Esq., Commissioner

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Attachments