

**NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING and
NOTICE to INTERESTED PARTIES**

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), Section of Health Facility Services (HFS) will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. in the Freeway Medical Tower, Suite 801, 5800 W. 10th St., Little Rock, AR, 72204 to allow interested persons an opportunity to comment on proposed revisions to the Rules for Abortion Facilities in Arkansas promulgated pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §20-9-201 et seq. Proposed revisions are available on the ADH website:

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/proposed-amendment-to-existing-rules>

The public is strongly encouraged to provide comments by e-mail to minimize the risk of Covid-19. E-mail comments to jane.gaskill@arkansas.gov or by regular mail to: HFS Rules Comments, 5800 W. 10th St., Ste. 400, Little Rock, AR 72204. All comments must be received by 12:00 noon on Sept. 3, 2020.

Proposed revisions will include: add and modify definitions; change required proximity to hospital from 30 minutes to 30 miles; de-specify name of blood services provider; specify a documentation requirement for medical record forms for emergency transfers; add born-alive infant as a patient category; outline follow-up requirements for medication abortions; include information on abortion-inducing drug reversal; add perinatal palliative care information availability; add requirement to follow manufacturer's guidelines for biologicals and equipment; add requirement to report abortion complications; increase patient reflection period to 72 hours; specify that patient is to keep printed materials and DVD; add emergency equipment requirements; specify elements to be included in written report for surgical abortions; update TB prevention language; add time to consent forms; and add severability clause.

Covid-19 temperature check, completion of screening questionnaire, facial covering, and physical distancing will be required of all attendees. In addition, group size will be limited. Attendees should bring a cell phone and be prepared to wait in their individual cars until summoned as space becomes is available.