

**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 September 3, 2020 at 2:00 p.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 Hospitals and Related Institutions in Arkansas and the Rules for Critical Access Hospitals in Arkansas promulgated pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 20-7-123, 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 3:00 p.m. on September 3, 2020.

Proposed revisions will include: abortion complication definition; updated TB prevention language; reporting requirements for abortion complications; reporting of transfers of patients from the care of lay midwives during labor and delivery; and option for compliance certification by licensed architect or professional engineer

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 available.