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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §2, that the Department of Public Health will hold a public hearing on amendments to the following regulation: 105 CMR 130.000, *Hospital Licensure*; and on the proposed rescission of 105 CMR 142.000; *Operation and Maintenance of Birth Centers*.

The amendments to 105 CMR 130.000, done in compliance with Executive Order 562, remove outdated language and unnecessary requirements, update the regulations to comply with state and federal laws, align requirements with other department regulations, and remove duplicative state review where necessary.

We propose rescinding 105 CMR 142.000, *Operation and Maintenance of Birth Centers* because all birth centers are affiliated with either a licensed hospital or licensed clinic and the appropriate sections have been incorporated into 105 CMR 130.000, *Hospital Licensure* and 105 CMR 140.000, *Licensure of Clinics* to make it easier for regulated parties to find the regulations that apply to them.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, October 24, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., in **Room 417, 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02114**. Speakers are requested to provide a copy of their oral testimony. The Department encourages all interested parties to submit testimony electronically to the following address: [Reg.Testimony@state.ma.us](mailto:Reg.Testimony@state.ma.us). Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document or as text within the body of an email and type "Hospital Licensure Regulations" or "Birth Center Regulations" in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. The Department will post all electronic testimony that complies with these instructions on its website. Parties who are unable to submit electronic testimony should mail submissions to Catrice Williams, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108. All written or oral comments submitted to the Department may be posted on the Department's website and released in response to a request for public records. All testimony must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 2016.

A copy of the proposed amendments may be viewed on the Department's website or obtained from the Office of the General Counsel at 617-624-5220.