

## aviso importante

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

## REGULATION FOR CIBERTHERAPY AND TELEHEALTH USE IN PUERTO RICO

By virtue of Act No. 48 of April 29, 2020, known as the Act to Regulate Cybertherapy in Puerto Rico, as well as Act No. 168 of August 1, 2018, known as the Telemedicine and Telehealth Use in Puerto Rico Act, and Act No. 38 of June 30, 2017, known as the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act of the Government of Puerto Rico, the Secretary of Health intends to adopt the the followings regulations:

- 1. Regulations for the Use of Cybertherapy in Puerto Rico
- 2. Regulations for Telehealth Use in Puerto Rico

The proposed regulations seek to regulate the use of Cybertherapy in the practice of physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech-language therapy, psychology, counseling, social work, rehabilitation counseling, and educational therapy, and to authorize and regulate Telehealth services provided by audiologists, chiropractors, dentists, health educators, pharmacists, veterinarians, podiatrists, doctors of naturopathy, naturopaths, nutritionists and dietitians, opticians, optometrists, and those categories of nurses within Act 254-2015.

The proposed regulations are published on the website of the Department of Health: http://www.salud.gov.pr. Public is invited to submit their comments or recommendations within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice, to the following address a.ruiz@salud.pr.gov, or by mail addressed to the Department of Health, Office of Legal Advisors, PO Box 70184, San Juan, P.R. 00936-8184. To present your comments in person or request a copy of the proposed regulation, visit the Office of Legal Advisors of the Department of Health located in Building A, Old Psychiatric Hospital, Medical Center, Río Piedras, from Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A virtual public hearing for each regulation will be held on:

- 1. November 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. Regulations for the Use of Cybertherapy
- 3. November 16, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. Regulations for Telehealth Use in Puerto Rico

Anyone interested in participating should send their email address to the following address: a.ruiz@salud.pr.gov and will receive an invitation with the instructions to connect to the Virtual Public Hearing.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on October 26, 2023

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