## **PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

## ADOPT THE REGULATION OF NURSING PRACTICE IN PUERTO RICO

By the powers and faculties conferred by Act No. 81 of March 14, 1912, as amended, known as the "Health Department Act"; Act 254 of December 31, 2015, as amended, known as the Act to Regulate the Practice of Nursing in Puerto Rico; and Act No. 38 of June 30, 2017, as amended, known as the "Uniform Administrative Procedures Act of the Government of Puerto Rico", the Secretary of Health informs of his intent to adopt the "Regulation of Nursing Practice in Puerto Rico". The proposed regulation has the purpose of establishing the norms that will govern the admission and practice of the Nursing professional in the Puerto Rico Government.

A public hearing for the proposed regulation will be held on April 1, 2 and 3, 2019, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, at the Department of Health, Guillermo Arbona Conference Room, located at Building A of the Old Psychiatric Hospital, in the Medical Center complex, Río Piedras.

The public is formally invited to present any comments and/or recommendations within thirty (30) days from the publication of this notice. Comments can be mailed to: Department of Health, Legal Advisors Office, P.O. Box 70184, San Juan, and P.R. 00936-8184. Comments and recommendations may also be submitted through the following e-mail address: <a href="mailto:eva.lugo@salud.pr.gov">eva.lugo@salud.pr.gov</a>. To submit comments personally and/or to request a copy of the new regulation proposal, visit the Legal Advisors Office of the Department of Health, Building A, Old Psychiatric Hospital, Medical Center Complex, Río Piedras, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The proposed regulations will also be available at the Department's web page: <a href="http://www.salud.gov.pr">http://www.salud.gov.pr</a>. For more information, please contact Eva Lugo at (787) 765-2929, ext. 3486.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 20, 2019.

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