NOTICE OF REGULATION AMMENDMENTS AND PUBLIC HEARING

TO AMEND THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH REGULATION NO. 132, THE REGULATION FOR PREGNANCY TERMINATION CENTERS, REGULATION NO. 7654 FROM DECEMBER 29, 2008, AS REGISTERED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF PUERTO RICO.

By virtue of the powers and faculties granted to the Secretary of Health by the Health Department Act, Act No. 81 from March 14, 1912, as amended, the Healthcare Facilities Act, Act No. 101 from June, 26, 1965, as amended, and the Government of Puerto Rico Administrative Procedures Act, Act No. 38 from June 30, 2017, as amended, the Secretary of Health hereby gives notice of his intention to amend *Secretary of Health Regulation No. 132, The Regulation for Pregnancy Termination Centers*, Regulation No. 7654 from December 29, 2008, as registered in the Department of State of Puerto Rico.

The Proposed Amendments will modify the Legal Basis of the Regulation contained in Article 1 (b) of Chapter I, will add definitions of the terms "Healthcare Services Administrator" and "Executive Authority" to Chapter II and will incorporate a new article related to Officials of a Pregnancy Termination Center to Chapter V of the Regulation.

A public hearing will be held in regards to the Proposed Amendments on **Friday, February 22, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** in Hearing Room A in the Office of the Auxiliary Secretary for the Regulation and Accreditation of Healthcare Facilities **(SARAFS**, as per its Spanish acronym) located in the following address: 1090 Marginal Ruiz Soler, Bayamón, and PR 00961-7329.

The general public is invited to present their comments and suggestions, within thirty (30) days from the publication date of this notice, in person or by mail to SARAFS at the aforementioned address. In addition, comments can be submitted by email to the following addresses: veronica.nunez@salud.pr.gov and/or nmatos@salud.pr.gov.

A copy of the Proposed Amendments can be obtained in the offices of SARAFS, located in the previously mentioned address, Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or through the Department of Health's internet page located at: <u>www.salud.gov.pr.</u>

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on January 24, 2019



Secretaría Auxiliar para Reglamentación y Acreditación de Facilidades de Salud (SARAFS)

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