

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO AMEND REGULATION NO. 7654 OF DECEMBER 29, 2008 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

In accordance with the powers and faculties conferred by Act No. 81 of March 14, 1912, as amended, known as the "Organic Law of the Department of Health"; Act No. 101 of June 26, 1965, as amended, known as the "Health Facilities Law" (Act No. 101); Act No. 146 of July 30, 2012, as amended, known as the "Puerto Rico Penal Code" (Penal Code), in its Articles 98, 99 and 100; Act No. 38 of June 30, 2017, as amended, known as the "Uniform Administrative Procedure Law of the Government of Puerto Rico" (Act 38-2017); Act No. 57 of May 11, 2023, as amended, known as the "Law for the Prevention of Family Unity and for the Safety, Welfare and Protection of Minors" (Act 57-2023); and Act No. 27 of July 22, 1992, known as: "Pregnant Women's Medical Rights and Services Act" (Act 27-1992), it is proposed to amend the Regulation of Abortion Centers.

This regulation is adopted to amend Regulation No. 132 to clearly establish the compliance of pregnancy termination clinics with the provisions of the legal system.

The proposed regulation is published on the Department of Health's web page: www.salud.gov.pr. The

general public is invited to submit their comments or recommendations during a period of **thirty (30) days** from the date of publication of this notice to the following email address: a.ruiz@salud.pr.gov and/or rosa.hernandez@salud.pr.gov, or by regular mail addressed to the Department of Health, Office of Legal Counsel, P.O. Box 70184, San Juan, P.R. 00936-8184. To submit your comments in person or request a copy of the proposed regulation, you must go to the Office of Legal Counsel of the Department of Health, located at the following address: car. 8838, km.6.3, Department of Health, Río Piedras, barrio Monacillos, San Juan, P.R. 00918; postal address: PO Box 70184, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00936-8184, Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A virtual public hearing will be held on **August 5**, **2025 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**. All persons interested in participating in the public hearing must send their email address to the following address: a.ruiz@salud.pr.gov and will receive an invitation with instructions to connect to the Virtual Public Hearing.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on this 18 day of July 2025.

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