



GOBIERNO DE PUERTO RICO

Departamento de Salud
Oficina del Secretario

NOTICE OF REGULATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

TO ADOPT THE REGULATION FOR THE OFFERING OF THE TEST FOR THE DETECTION OF THE HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) AS PART OF THE ROUTINE TESTS OF EVERY MEDICAL EVALUATION AND CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF HIV INFECTION IN PUERTO RICO

By virtue of the powers and faculties conferred by Act No. 45-2016, as amended, known as the "Act to Offer the Test for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) as Part of the Routine Tests of Every Medical Evaluation"; Act No. 81 of March 14, 1912, as amended, known as the "Department of Health Act"; and Act No. 38-2017, as amended, known as the "Uniform Administrative Procedure Act of the Government of Puerto Rico," the Secretary of Health hereby give notice of his intention to adopt the "Regulation for the Offering of the Test for the Detection of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) as Part of the Routine. The purpose of adopting this new regulation is to regulate the offering of HIV testing as part of every medical evaluation, in accordance with the recommendations established in the United States Preventive Services Task Force Screening for HIV Recommendation Statements or Guidelines for HIV Testing; and in accordance with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC").

A public hearing on the proposed regulation will be held on, Friday, October 8, 2021, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Due to the social distancing measures decreed because of the COVID -19 pandemic the hearing will be held remotely through the technological mechanisms established by the Office of Legal Advisors of the Department of Health.

The general public is invited to submit their comments and/or recommendations, within thirty (30) days from of publication of this notice, by mail or in person or to the following address: Department of Health, Legal Advisors Office, P.O. Box 70184, San Juan, PR 00936-8184. In addition, you may submit your comments and request participation in the virtual hearing by sending an email to the following addresses: rhernandez3@salud.pr.gov and a.ruiz@salud.pr.gov.

A copy of the proposed regulations, along with copy of this notice, may be obtained through of Department of Health's website (<http://www.salud.gov.pr>). For additional information, please contact Mrs. Rosa B. Hernández Pagán, at (787) 765-2929, ext. 3506 or Mrs. Annabelle Ruiz Román, at (787) 765-2929, ext. 3410.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, September 25, 2021.



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