

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT RULES

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 27, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. in Pierre, SD, at the Department of Human Services, Conference Room, Hillsvie Plaza, 3800 E. Highway 34, Pierre, SD 57501, to consider the adoption of the following proposed rules:

Adoption of chapters §§ 46:30:09; 46:30:10; 46:30:11; and 46:30:12.

The effect of these changes will be to: adopt rules to govern the Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program which provides devices and training to assist with telecommunication for individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech impairments; adopt rules to govern the Telecommunications Adaptive Devices Program which provides devices and training to assist with telecommunication for individuals who have disabilities other than deafness, hard of hearing, or speech impairments; adopt rules for the newly developed Hearing Aid Assistance Program which will assist with providing hearing aids to young people who are deaf or hard of hearing; adopt rules to govern the Communication Assistance Services program which provides communication support services to individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing to achieve increased integration into the community and workplace.

Persons interested in presenting data, statements, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may do so by appearing in person at the hearing or by sending them to the Department of Human Services, Hillsvie Plaza, 3800 E. Highway 34, c/o 500 E. Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501-5070, c/o Eve Smith, Administrative Rules Coordinator. **Material sent by mail must reach the Department of Human Services by 5 p.m. on September 6, 2014, to be considered.**

For purposes of assisting the Department to fully understand the issues being addressed, individuals intending to present oral testimony at the hearing are asked to make a written copy of their testimony available at the time of the hearing. Written comments and testimony must relate directly to the changes being proposed and must cite the specific rule number to which the comments are being directed.

After the hearing, the Department of Human Services will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rules. The Department may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the above-mentioned office within 48 hours of the public hearing if you have special needs for which this agency will need to make arrangements. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773-5990 or (605) 773-6412 TTY.

The Department of Human Services, upon its own motion or at the instance of any interested persons, may thereafter adopt the above proposals substantially as set forth above without further notice.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from:

Department of Human Services
Hillsvie Plaza, 3800 East Highway 34
c/o 500 East Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070

Or downloaded from the SD Administrative Rules Website: <http://rules.sd.gov>.
Or email eve.smith@state.sd.us for a copy.

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