

FORM 6

South Dakota Department of Health Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held in the Robert Hayes Building in Pierre at 600 East Capitol Avenue on October 3, 2023 at 2:30 PM (Central) to consider the amendment of proposed Administrative Rules of South Dakota numbered:

§§ 44:05:05:20 and 44:05:05:20.01

The effect of the rules is to allow the ground component of an air ambulance service to transfer patients from one healthcare facility to another healthcare facility, unless a local government agreement or ordinance provides otherwise and to allow the ground ambulance component for healthcare facility-operated air ambulance services to provide interfacility transfers under certain conditions. The reason for adopting the rules is to respond to stakeholder feedback related to quality patient care by allowing for patient transfer by the ground component or an air ambulance services under certain conditions while providing for protections of local ground ambulance services.

Persons interested in presenting amendments, data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may appear in-person at the hearing, or mail or e-mail them to the South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma, 600 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501 or by going to <http://rules.sd.gov>. The deadline to submit any such written comments for consideration by the Department is October 13, 2023.

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

For Persons with Disabilities: This hearing will be located at a physically accessible place. Please contact the Department of Health at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements can be made by calling 605-773-3361.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from the South Dakota Department of Health, 600 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501 or <http://rules.sd.gov>.

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