

FORM 6

Department of Health Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held in the Robert Hayes Building Conference Room, 600 E Capitol Ave, Pierre, South Dakota, 57501, on September 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Central Standard Time, to consider the adoption and amendment of proposed Administrative Rules of South Dakota numbered

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The effect of the proposed rules is to update and clarify vital records requirements by modernizing terminology, refining filing and amendment procedures, and improving consistency across birth, death, and marriage registration processes.

The reason for adopting the proposed rules is to ensure vital records procedures are clear, consistent, aligned with statutory requirements, and reflective of current administrative practices, while correcting outdated language and eliminating ambiguities.

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 South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Vital Records, 600 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, SD 57501 or by going to <https://rules.sd.gov/>. The deadline to submit any such written comments for consideration by the Department is October 4, 2026.

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 following address, the Department of Health's website at doh.sd.gov/News, and/or rules.sd.gov:

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