

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 410 Department or Agency State Health Planning and Development Agency (Statewide Health Coordinating Council)

Rule No. 410-2-2-.08

Rule Title: Influenza

New Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? NO

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? YES

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NO

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? YES

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? NO

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer Abra M. Lambert

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STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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AGENCY NAME: STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(Statewide Health Coordinating Council)

RULE NO. & TITLE: 410-2-2-.08 Influenza

INTENDED ACTION:

The State Health Planning and Development Agency (Statewide Health Coordinating Council) proposes to add the above-styled section of the *Alabama State Health Plan*.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:

To recommend that the State of Alabama consider adding the influenza vaccine to the required immunization schedule in Ala. Admin. Code r. 420-6-1-.03 and that school-aged children receive the vaccine.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:

In response to this Proposed Rule, all interested persons are invited to submit data, views, comments and/or arguments, orally or in writing. Any and all such data, comments, arguments and/or requests to orally address the SHCC shall be made in writing on or before January 6, 2014, and shall be made to:

Nicole Horn, Executive Secretary
State Health Planning and Development Agency
P. O. Box 303025
Montgomery, Alabama 36130-3025

On February 7, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., the SHCC shall conduct a public hearing in the Old Archives Chamber, Alabama State Capitol, Montgomery, Alabama, at which time it shall consider the Proposed Rule, along with all written and oral submissions with respect to the Proposed Rule. Only those interested persons who have made timely written requests will be afforded the opportunity to speak.

Copies of the proposed changes are available for review at 100 North Union Street, RSA Union Building, Suite 870, Montgomery, Alabama. Phone (334) 242-4103 or visit the office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., excluding State holidays.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:

January 6, 2014

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:

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410-2-2-.08 **Influenza**

(1) Problem

- (a) Seasonal epidemics of influenza occur every year in the United States, beginning in the fall. Typically, the epidemics cause thousands to tens of thousands of deaths and about 200,000 hospitalizations.
- (b) Since the 1940's, a vaccine has been available to prevent influenza; unfortunately, the vaccine is not used as much as it should be. To prevent the hospitalizations and deaths caused every year by influenza virus, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended that all U.S. citizens more than 6 months of age receive the influenza vaccine.
- (c) The rate of vaccination is low (25-45%).
- (d) The cost of vaccination is minimal (\$10-\$18) depending on type (injections vs. nasal).
- (e) Side effects are minimal.
- (f) Influenza causes children to miss school, usually up to a week, which in some cases causes parents to miss work.

(2) Recommendations

- (a) The State should consider adding the influenza vaccine to the required immunization schedule 420-6-1-.03 of the Code of Alabama, 1975.
- (b) Vaccinating school aged children would keep more kids in school and probably save the state millions of dollars.

Author: Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

Statutory Authority: § 22-21-260(15), Code of Alabama, 1975.

History: