

**CERTIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
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JERRY L. BASSET, DIRECTOR**

(Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, § 41-22-6, as amended).

I certify that the attached is/are a correct copy/copies of rule/s as promulgated and adopted on the 7th day of February, 2014, and filed with the agency secretary on the 13th day of February, 2014.

AGENCY NAME: State Health Planning and Development Agency
(Statewide Health Coordinating Council)

_____ Amendment; X New; _____ Repeal; (Mark appropriate space)

Rule No. 410-2-2-.08

(If amended rule, give specific paragraph, subparagraphs, etc., being amended)

Rule Title: Influenza

ACTION TAKEN: State whether the rule was adopted without changes from the proposal due to written or oral comments;

No public comments were received; the rule was adopted without changes and as published for comment in the Alabama Administrative Monthly.

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION PUBLISHED IN VOLUME XXXIII,

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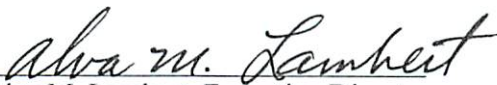
Statutory Rulemaking Authority: Code of Alabama, 1975 §§ 22-21-260(13), (15)

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(Certifying Officer or his or her Deputy)

(NOTE: In accordance with § 41-22-6(b), as amended, a proposed rule is required to be certified within 90 days after completion of the notice.)

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: Effective March 20, 2014