



## GOBIERNO DE PUERTO RICO

Departamento de Salud

### REGULATION AND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

#### **REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH THE PUERTO RICO BACKGROUND CHECK PROGRAM ATTACHED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OF PUERTO RICO**

By virtue of the powers and faculties conferred by Law No. 300 of 2 September 1999, as amended, and law No. 224 of December 17, 2015, known as Criminal Record Verification Act of Care Service Providers for the Children Persons with disabilities and the Health Professionals, the Secretary of Health intent to adopt the following regulations: To establish the Department of Health Background Check Program. The proposed regulation will require a criminal background check for anyone linked to the provision of care services to children, elderly and persons with disabilities.

**A public hearing for the proposed regulation will be held on April 27, 2018, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**, at the Department of Health, Guillermo Arbona Conference Room, located at Building A of the Old Psychiatric Hospital, in the Medical Center complex, Río Piedras.

The public is formally invited to present any comments or suggestions within thirty (30) days from the publication of this notice. Comments can be mailed to: Department of Health, Legal Advisors Office, P.O. Box 70184, San Juan, P.R. 00936-8184. Comments and recommendations may also be submitted through e-mail: [wsostre@salud.pr.gov](mailto:wsostre@salud.pr.gov). To submit comments personally and/or to request a copy of the new regulations, visit the Legal Advisors Office of the Department of Health, Building A, Old Psychiatric Hospital, Medical Center complex, Río Piedras, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The proposed regulations and its regulatory flexibility analysis will also be available at the Department's web page: <http://www.salud.gov.pr>. For more information, please contact Mrs. Mayra Hernandez at (787)765-2929, Ext. 6811.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 26, 2018.

  
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