

GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARING

TO ADOPT THE REGULATIONS OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH TO REGULATE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF CLINICAL ANALYSIS LABORATORIES, PLASMAPHERESIS CENTERS, ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY LABORATORIES AND BLOOD BANKS IN PUERTO RICO; TO REPEAL REGULATION NO. 120 OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH TO REGULATE THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF CLINICAL ANALYSIS LABORATORIES, ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY LABORATORIES AND BLOOD BANKS IN PUERTO RICO, AND REGULATION NO. 120A.

By virtue of the powers and authorities conferred by Act No. 81 of March 14, 1912, as amended, Act No. 97 of June 25, 1962, as amended, and Act No. 38-2017, as amended, the Secretary of Health proposes to adopt the "Regulations for the Establishment and Operation of Clinical Analysis Laboratories, Plasmapheresis Centers, Anatomic Pathology Laboratories, and Blood Banks in Puerto Rico", and to repeal "Regulation No. 120 of the Secretary of Health, To Regulate the Establishment and Operation of Clinical Analysis Laboratories, Anatomic Pathology Laboratories, and Blood Banks in Puerto Rico," Regulation No. 7189 of August 4, 2006, as registered at the Department of State of Puerto Rico, as well as Regulation No. 120A, Regulation No. 8785 of August 9, 2016, as registered at the Department of State of Puerto Rico. The proposed regulation seeks to bring the regulation of the Department of Health in line with the provisions of the federal regulation on the establishment and operation of clinical analysis laboratories, anatomic pathology laboratories, and blood banks in Puerto Rico.

The proposed regulation and its regulatory flexibility analysis are published on the website of the Department of Health: www.salud.gov.pr. The public is invited to submit their comments or recommendations within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice, to the following address: a.ruiz@salud.pr.gov and nilda.ortiz@salud.pr.gov or by mail addressed to the Department of Health, Office of Legal Advisors, PO Box 70184, San Juan, P.R. 00936-8184. To present your comments in person or request a copy of the proposed regulation, visit the Office of Legal Advisors of the Department of Health located in Building A, Old Psychiatric Hospital, Medical Center, Río Piedras, from Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A virtual public hearing will be held on **November 2, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Anyone interested in participating in the public hearing should send their email address to the following address: a.ruiz@salud.pr.gov and will receive an invitation with the instructions to connect to the Virtual Public Hearing.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on October 14, 2022.

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