



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATION OF THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE AND LICENSING OF HOSPITALS IN PUERTO RICO

In accordance with the powers and faculties conferred by Act No. 81 of March 14, 1912, as amended, Act No. 101 of June 26, 1965, as amended, Joint Resolution No. 7 of January 12, 2023 (J. Res. 7-2023), and Act No. 38-2017, as amended, the Secretary of Health intends to amend the Regulation No. 9184 of July 1, 2020, as amended, known as "Regulation for the Construction, Operation, Maintenance and Licensing of Hospitals in Puerto Rico", in order to comply with the provisions of J. Res. 7-2023 which orders the Department of Health to amend the Regulation No. 9184, supra, to establish the requirement that nursing personnel who render direct health services in emergency rooms in hospitals or at the primary level, obtain the necessary training and continuing education on violence and sexual abuse.

The proposed regulation is published on the Department of Health's web page: [www.salud.gov.pr](http://www.salud.gov.pr). The general 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](mailto:a.ruiz@salud.pr.gov), [rosa.solimar@salud.pr.gov](mailto:rosa.solimar@salud.pr.gov) and [nilda.ortiz@salud.pr.gov](mailto:nilda.ortiz@salud.pr.gov), or by regular mail addressed to the Department of Health, Office of Legal Advisors, P. O. Box 70184, San Juan, P.R. 00936-8184. To submit your comments in person or request a copy of the proposed regulation, you should go to the Office of Legal Advisors of the Department of Health, located in Building A, formerly known as Psychiatric Hospital, Medical Center grounds, Río Piedras, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

A virtual public hearing will be held on September 15, 2023, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Anyone interested in participating in the public hearing should send a message with their e-mail address to the following address: [a.ruiz@salud.pr.gov](mailto: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 August 25, 2023.

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