



PUBLIC HEARING

AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATIONS FOR COMPULSORY IMMUNIZATION FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN AND STUDENTS IN PUERTO RICO.

Pursuant to the powers and authority conferred by Act No. 81 of March 14, 1912, as amended, known as the "Organic Act of the Department of Health; Act No. 85-2018, as amended, known as the "Puerto Rico Education Reform Act"; Act No. 171 of June 30, 1968, as amended, known as the "Organic Act of the Department of the Family"; Act No. 25 of September 25, 1983, known as the "Act of Compulsory Immunizations for Preschool Children and Students of Puerto Rico"; Act No. 25 of September 25, 1983, known as the "Act of Compulsory Immunizations for Preschool Children and Students of Puerto Rico" and Act No. 38- 2017, as amended, known as the "Uniform Administrative Procedure Act of the Government of Puerto Rico" it is proposed to amend the "***Regulations for Compulsory Immunizations for Preschool Children and Students in Puerto Rico***".

The purpose of the amendment is to harmonize the regulation with the established public policy, eliminate the requirement for a religious leader to subscribe the required affidavit for religious exemption and provide that the affidavit may be presented only once during the child's school life. The draft amendment is posted on the Department of Health's website at www.salud.gov.pr.

A virtual public hearing will be held on **February 19, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Anyone interested in participating in the public hearing should send their request with your email address to the following: rosa.hernandez@salud.pr.gov and a.ruiz@salud.pr.gov; and will receive an invitation with instructions on how to connect to the Virtual Public Hearing. People are encouraged to submit their writing comments within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice to the following e-mail address: rosa.hernandez@salud.pr.gov and a.ruiz@salud.pr.gov.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, on February 2, 2024.

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