



PUBLIC HEARING

GOVERNMENT HEALTH PLAN ELIGIBILITY REGULATIONS FOR PRENATAL, CHILDBIRTH AND POSTPARTUM SERVICES TO MEDICALLY INDIGENT PREGNANT WOMEN IN PUERTO RICO

Pursuant to the Act to Establish the Right to Prenatal, Delivery and Postpartum Care for Medically Indigent Pregnant Women in Puerto Rico, Act No. 105-2020, and Act No. 38-2017, as amended, known as the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act of the Government of Puerto Rico, the Secretary of Health intends to adopt the Government Health Plan Eligibility Regulations for Prenatal, Delivery and Postpartum Services for Medically Indigent Pregnant Women in Puerto Rico. The proposed regulation establishes that any pregnant woman who is medically indigent and who meets the eligibility requirements set forth in this regulation may receive prenatal, childbirth and postpartum health services, regardless of whether her immigration status is indefinite. With the adoption of this regulation, Regulation No. 8267 of October 16, 2012 is repealed.

The proposed regulation is published on the website of the Department of Health: www.salud.gov.pr. 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, 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 **March 25, 2024**, starting at 10:00 a.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 March 13, 2024.

A stylized signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos Mellado López".

Carlos Mellado López, MD.
Secretary
Department of Health

