

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING CODE OF ETHICS FOR OPTOMETRISTS IN PUERTO RICO

By virtue of Act No. 246 of August 15, 1999, known as the Act to Regulate the Practice of Optometry in Puerto Rico, as well as Act No. 38 of June 30, 2017, known as the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act of the Government of Puerto Rico, the Secretary of Health intends to adopt the Code of Ethics for Optometrists in Puerto Rico. The purpose of the proposed code of ethics is to establish the standards of professional conduct to be observed by optometrists practicing in Puerto Rico.

The proposed regulation is published on the website of the Department of Health: http://www.salud.pr.gov. 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 **June 5**, **2024**, **at 2:00 p.m.** Anyone interested in participating should send a message 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 May 21, 2024.

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Secretary Department of Health

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