FORM 6

South Dakota Department of Health Notice of Public Hearing to Adopt Rules

A public hearing will be held at the Public Health Laboratory Large Conference Room, 615 E. 4th St. in Pierre, SD on October 12, 2023 at 3pm Central Time to consider the adoption of proposed Administrative Rules of South Dakota numbered

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The effect of the rule will be to add Newborn Hearing Screening to South Dakota's newborn screening panel.

The reason for adopting the proposed rule is to screen newborns to detect hearing impairments promptly after birth and provide follow up care to reduce long term effects of hearing impairment.

Persons interested in presenting amendments, data, opinions, and arguments for or against the proposed rules may appear in-person at the hearing, mail them to the South Dakota Department of Health, 615 E. 4th St., Pierre, South Dakota, or e-mail them to the Newborn Screening Program at <u>DOHNewbornScreening@state.sd.us</u>. Those wishing to testify remotely must register by October 6, 2023, by email to <u>dohcomments@state.sd.us</u>. Witnesses should provide their full name, email address, whom they are representing, and city of residence. Material sent by mail must reach the Department of Health by October 22, 2023, to be considered.

After the public hearing, the Department of Health will consider all written and oral comments it receives on the proposed rule. The Department of Health may modify or amend a proposed rule at that time to include or exclude matters that are described in this notice.

For Persons with Disabilities: This hearing will be located at a physically accessible place. Please contact the Department of Health at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have special needs for which special arrangements can be made by calling 605-773-3737.

Copies of the proposed rules may be obtained without charge from:

South Dakota Department of Health Newborn Screening Program 615 East 4th Street Pierre, SD 57501

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