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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control 420 Department or Agency Alabama Department of Public Health

Rule Number : 420-2-2-.10

Rule Title: Centralized Dispatch and Communications System

 New X Amend Repeal Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare or safety? YES

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety or welfare? YES

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? NO

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? NO

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? NO

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? YES

Does the proposed rule have an economic impact? NO

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of §41-22-23, Code of Alabama, 1975.

Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama, 1975, and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of Certifying Officer Patricia Blue Date 2/14/2013

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**STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
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AGENCY NAME: Alabama Department of Public Health

RULE NUMBER AND TITLE: 420-2-2-.10 Centralized Dispatch and Communications System

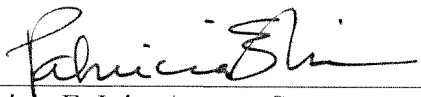
INTENDED ACTION: To clarify the Alabama Trauma Communications Center's responsibility to direct patients to appropriate hospital.

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: This language regarding routing versus coordination would also enable the Alabama Trauma Communications Center to give better direction to air and ground medical services.

TIME, PLACE, AND MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: A public hearing will be held on March 21, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., in Montgomery at the RSA Tower, 201 Monroe Street, Room 1586.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENTS AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: Written or oral comments will be received until the close of the record at 5:00 p.m., on April 4, 2013. All comments and requests for copies of the proposed rule should be addressed to the contact person listed below.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Choona Lang, Alabama Department of Public Health, Office of EMS and Trauma, 201 Monroe Street, Suite 1100, Montgomery, Alabama 36104. Telephone number: 334-206-5383.



Patricia E. Ivie, Agency Secretary

420-2-2-.10 Centralized Dispatch and Communications System. Communications are critical to the function ~~to~~ of the Trauma System.

- (1) The Alabama TCC will be staffed 24-hours-a-day by personnel with specific in-depth knowledge of the Trauma System design, function, and protocols.
- (2) It will be the primary responsibility of the Alabama TCC to coordinate the Trauma System activities by maintaining the system, providing information and ~~recommendations~~ direction whenever needed to the field staff and hospital personnel in providing care to patients meeting the Trauma System ~~trauma-system~~ entry criteria, and ensuring patients are routed to the closest and most appropriate hospital. Oversight of day-to-day operations of the Alabama TCC will be the responsibility of the Alabama TCC Operations Director.

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Statutory Authority: Alabama Legislature, Act 299, Regular Session, 2007 (Code of Alabama 1975, § 22-11D-1, et. seq.)

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