



**SECOND PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF NEW REGULATION AND PUBLIC HEARINGS TO ADOPT THE *SECRETARY OF HEALTH REGULATION TO REGULATE PHARMACY BENEFIT AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATORS IN PUERTO RICO***

On Friday, February 28, 2020, The Puerto Rico Department of Health published notices to give notice of its intent to adopt the *Secretary of Health Regulation to Regulate Pharmacy Benefit and Services Administrators in Puerto Rico*. The public hearing announced in the aforementioned notice was scheduled for March 30, 2020. Unfortunately, the hearing had to be cancelled because of the state emergency declared due to the novel coronavirus (**COVID-19**).

The purpose of adopting the regulation is to establish norms and parameters that would provide greater transparency to the services and prescription costs negotiated between Pharmacy Benefit Administrators (PBA), Pharmacy Benefits Managers (PBM), like entities, pharmaceutical companies and third party payers. The Regulation also establishes the operational reach of the Office of the Regulatory Commissioner for Pharmacy Benefit and Services Administrators. Among other goals, this Regulation seeks to facilitate healthcare services and safeguard patient's access to proper treatment and medication.

This notice is issued to inform the public that the public hearings for the proposed regulation will now be held on July 29, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and July 30, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. In light of the social distancing measures implemented because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the hearing will be held remotely through the technological mechanisms established by SARAFS.

The general public is invited to present their comments and suggestions, within thirty (30) days from the publication date of this notice, in person or by mail to the following address: Office of the Auxiliary Secretary for the Regulation and Accreditation of Healthcare Facilities (**SARAFS**, as per its Spanish acronym), 1090 Marginal Ruiz Soler, Bayamón, PR 00961-7329. In addition, comments can be submitted by email to the following addresses: [veronica.nunez@salud.pr.gov](mailto:veronica.nunez@salud.pr.gov), [david.gonzalez@salud.pr.gov](mailto:david.gonzalez@salud.pr.gov) and/or [myriam.diaz@salud.pr.gov](mailto:myriam.diaz@salud.pr.gov).

A copy of the proposed regulation can be obtained in the offices of SARAFS, located in the previously mentioned address, Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or through the Department of Health's internet page located at: [www.salud.gov.pr](http://www.salud.gov.pr). For additional information, please contact Veronica I. Nuñez Marrero, Esq., Assistant Secretary, (787)765-2929, ext. 4701.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, June \_\_, 2020.

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