



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF
PROPOSED RULE CHANGES**

Pursuant to the Georgia Administrative Procedures Act, Official Code of Georgia (O.C.G.A.) § 50-13-1, et.seq., the Georgia Department of Community Health is required to provide public notice of its intent to adopt, amend, or repeal certain rules other than interpretative rules or general statements of policy. Accordingly, the Department hereby provides notice of its intent to amend the **Rules and Regulations for Finality of Hearing Officer's Decision; Optional Review of Hearing Officer's Decision by Department Commissioner, Chapter 274-1-.12**. These changes are being proposed pursuant to the authority granted to the Department in O.C.G.A. §§ 31-2-5 and 31-6, et. seq. An exact copy of the revised rules and a synopsis of the revisions are attached to this public notice.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

An opportunity for public comment will be held on October 13, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree St., N.W., Atlanta, GA 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Oral comments may be limited to ten (10) minutes per person. Individuals who are disabled and require assistance to participate during this meeting should contact the Office of General Counsel at (404) 657-7195 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting.

Citizens wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before October 13, 2015. Comments may be faxed to (404) 656-0663, emailed to pjohnson@dch.ga.gov, or mailed to the following address:

Attention: Office of General Counsel
Georgia Department of Community Health
Post Office Box 1966
Atlanta, GA 30301

Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to November 12, 2015. The Board will vote on the proposed changes on November 12, 2015.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 10th DAY OF September, 2015

Clyde L. Reese III, Esq., Commissioner