NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION – FINAL RULE

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Specific Legal Authority Authorizing the promulgation of Rule: 41-85-1 thru 25, Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated.

Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Final Rule:
Minimum Standards Of Operation for Hospice

Date Rule Proposed: **September 17, 2007**
Date Rule Adopted: **October 17, 2007**

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule:
The purpose of the attached revision of Minimum Standards Of Operation For Hospice is to strengthen all aspects of licensing and programmatic requirements. The strengthening of these regulations contain components to stabilize hospice growth and improve the quality of care provided to hospice patients.

The Agency Rule Making Record for this rule including any written comment(s) received during the comment period and the record of any oral proceeding is available for public inspection by contacting the Agency at the above address.

☒ An oral proceeding was held on this rule:
Date: October 10, 2007
Time: 11:00a.m.
Place: MS State Dept. of Health Osborne Auditorium, 570 East Woodrow Wilson Jackson, MS

☐ An oral proceeding was not held on this rule.

The Agency has considered the written comments and the presentations made in any oral proceedings, and:

☒ This rule as adopted is without variance from the proposed rule.

☐ This rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule as there are minor editorial changes which affect the form rather than the substance of the rule.

☐ This rule as adopted differs from the proposed rule and all of the following apply:
- The differences are within the scope of the matter in the notice of proposed rule adoption,
- The differences are a logical outgrowth of the contents of the Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption and the comments submitted in response thereto, and
- The Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption provided fair warning that the outcome of the proposed rule adoption could be the rule in question.

The entire text of the Final Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

Effective Date of Rule: **November 17, 2007**

Vickey Maddox, Director of Licensure
Printed Name/Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing

Vickey J. Maddox
Signature