NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

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Specific Legal Authority authorizing the promulgation of Rule:

Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the Temporary Rule:

Mississippi Trauma Care System Rules & Regulations

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for the rule:

To update "Mississippi Trauma Care System Regulations" to reflect the changes being made to convert the voluntary trauma system to the involuntary system, to enhance continuity between trauma center designation levels and to insert language that was dropped out of regulations during the last conversion.

This rule is proposed as a (x) Final Rule, and/or a ( ) Temporary Rule (Check one or both boxes as applicable.)

Persons may present their views on the proposed rule by addressing written comments to the agency at the above address. Persons making comments should include their name and address, as well as other contact information, and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

Oral Proceeding (Check one box below):

X An oral proceeding is scheduled on this rule on April 1, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Mississippi Department of Health – Osborne Auditorium in Jackson, MS.

If you wish to be heard and present evidence at the oral proceeding you must make a written request to the agency at the above address at least five (5) days prior to the proceeding to be placed on the agenda. The request should include your name, address, telephone number as well as other contact information; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the parties you represent.

An oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule. Where an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding will be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this Notice of Proposed Rule Adoption and should include the name, address and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

Economic Impact Statement (Check one box below):

The agency has determined that an economic impact statement is not required for this rule, or
The concise summary of the economic impact statement required is attached.

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

Date Rule Proposed: **January 12, 2009**

Proposed Effective Date: **May 8, 2009**

Arthur C. Sharpe, Jr., Director
Office of Emergency Planning & Response