

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The New Mexico Department of Health will hold a public hearing on the adoption of a new rule, 7.5.5 NMAC, "New Mexico Statewide Immunization Registry." The hearing will be held on September 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Harold Runnels Building, located at 1190 St. Francis Drive in Santa Fe, New Mexico. This hearing will be conducted to receive public comment regarding the proposed adoption of a new rule governing the required use of the New Mexico statewide immunization registry, a computerized repository of immunization information maintained by the New Mexico Department of Health.

The proposed new rule is to regulate the registry portion of the New Mexico Immunization Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 24-5-7 through 24-5-15, which requires physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other health care providers to report immunization information to the statewide registry. These rules describe implementation of the registry, including maintenance, submission, reporting, participation, sanctions, and limits on access to the registry.

The legal authority for the proposed rule and the adoption of the rule by the Department is under Subsection E of Section 9-7-6 NMSA 1978, Sections 24-5-7 through 24-5-15 NMSA 1978, Subsection R of Section 24-1-3 NMSA 1978, and Section 24-1-21 NMSA.

Free copies of the full text of the proposed new rule may be obtained online from the New Mexico Department of Health's website at <https://nmhealth.org/publication/rules/> or from Benito M. Gomez using the contact information below.

The public hearing will be conducted to receive public comment on the proposed new rule 7.5.5 NMAC. Any interested member of the public may attend the hearing and submit data, views, or arguments either orally or in writing on the proposed new rule during the hearing. Written public comment may also be submitted prior to the date of the hearing. Please submit any written comments regarding the proposed new rule 7.5.5 NMAC to the attention of :

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All written comments must be received by 5 pm MST on September 12, 2018. All written comments will be published on the agency website at <https://nmhealth.org/about/asd/cmo/rules/> within 3 days of receipt, and will be available at the New Mexico Department of Health Office of General Counsel for public inspection.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of special assistance or accommodations to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Benito Gomez by telephone at (505) 827-2997. The Department requests at least ten (10) days advance notice to provide requested special accommodations.