

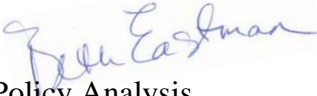


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MEMORANDUM

To: Hospital Chief Executive Officers
Consumer Health Information and Policy Advisory Council Members
Interested Parties

From: Beth Eastman, Interim Bureau Chief
Florida Center for Health Information and Policy Analysis 

Date: April 7, 2008

Re: Notice of Proposed Rule Repeal

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) is proposing to repeal rules 59B-15.001 through 59B-15.007 (attached) that require submission of Surgical Infection Prevention (SIP) Measures to the Agency. Currently, the Agency links to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) website where Surgical Infection Prevention information collected by CMS is posted for consumer information. The rules are proposed to be repealed to eliminate what has become a duplicative reporting requirement.

A public hearing will be held on April 28, 2008 at 11 am. *if requested*. The hearing will be held at the Agency for Health Care Administration, 2727 Mahan Drive, Building #3, Conference Room B.

The Agency is issuing a 30-day extension to all reporting facilities for any reports due per rules 59B-15.001 through 59B-15.007. We will notify you when the rule repeal is adopted which is expected no later than mid-June 2008.

If you have any questions, please call Carolyn Turner at (850) 922-5861 or Patrick Kennedy at (850) 922-5531.

