

EXHIBIT F

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HEALTH FACILITY SERVICES

SUBJECT: Abortion Facilities in Arkansas

DESCRIPTION: The proposed incorporates statutory changes in the definition of abortion and requires a fetal age determination policy for licensed abortion facilities. It incorporates the definition of abortion from Act 171 of 2013, noting that abortions at 20 weeks or more are prohibited by the act with limited exceptions; and it requires policies and procedures for probable post-fertilization age determination processes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A public hearing was held on this rule on December 20, 2013. The public comment period expired December 20, 2013. The Department received no public comments.

The proposed effective date for the rule is July 1, 2014.

CONTROVERSY: This is expected to be controversial. Abortion subject matter is controversial. Proposed changes are statutory and would not otherwise be controversial.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The cost of adding policy for probable post-fertilization age determine (required by statute) is \$50 for the current fiscal year.

LEGAL AUTHORIZATION: Ark. Code Ann. § 20-9-302 grants the Department the power to promulgate rules for licensed facilities in which the pregnancies of ten or more women are willfully aborted each month. The rules must be “[regard] the facilities, equipment, procedures, techniques, and conditions of clinics and other facilities subject to the provisions of this section to assure that the facilities, equipment, procedures, techniques, and conditions are aseptic and do not constitute a health hazard”.

This rule incorporates into the Department’s rules concerning abortion facilities the definition of “abortion” set out in Acts 2013, No. 171, and requirements for including in the facilities’ policies and procedures the process for determining the “probable post-fertilization age”.

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QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FILING PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS WITH THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE

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INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Please make copies of this form for future use.
- B. Please answer each question completely using layman terms. You may use additional sheets, if necessary.
- C. If you have a method of indexing your rules, please give the proposed citation after "Short Title of this Rule" below.
- D. Submit two (2) copies of this questionnaire and financial impact statement attached to the front of two (2) copies of the proposed rule and required documents. Mail or deliver to:

Donna K. Davis
Administrative Rules Review Section
Arkansas Legislative Council
Bureau of Legislative Research
One Capitol Mall, 5th Floor
Little Rock, AR 72201

1. What is the short title of this rule? Rules and Regulations for Abortion Facilities in Arkansas
2. What is the subject of the proposed rule? Criteria for state licensure of abortion facilities
3. Is this rule required to comply with a federal statute, rule, or regulation? Yes No
If yes, please provide the federal rule, regulation, and/or statute citation. _____
4. Was this rule filed under the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act? Yes No
If yes, what is the effective date of the emergency rule? _____
When does the emergency rule expire? _____

Will this emergency rule be promulgated under the permanent provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act?

Yes

No

5. Is this a new rule? Yes No

If yes, please provide a brief summary explaining the regulation. _____

Does this repeal an existing rule? Yes No

If yes, a copy of the repealed rule is to be included with your completed questionnaire. If it is being replaced with a new rule, please provide a summary of the rule giving an explanation of what the rule does.

Is this an amendment to an existing rule?

Yes

No

If yes, please attach a mark-up showing the changes in the existing rule and a summary of the substantive changes. **Note: The summary should explain what the amendment does, and the mark-up copy should be clearly labeled "mark-up."**

6. Cite the state law that grants the authority for this proposed rule? If codified, please give the Arkansas Code citation. Ark. Code Ann. § 20-9-302; Act 171 of 2013, Ark. Code Ann. § 20-16-1302 defines abortion; Act 171 of 2013, Ark. Code Ann. § 20-16-1305 prohibits abortions at or after 20 weeks with certain exceptions.

7. What is the purpose of this proposed rule? Why is it necessary? Change rules to reflect changes in State law. Adopts statutory definition of abortion from Act 171 of 2013, noting that abortions 20 weeks or more are prohibited by the Act with limited exceptions; and requires policies and procedures for probable post-fertilization age determination processes

8. Please provide the address where this rule is publicly accessible in electronic form via the Internet as required by Arkansas Code § 25-19-108(b). www.healthy.arkansas.gov "Rules and Regs" link

9. Will a public hearing be held on this proposed rule? Yes No

If yes, please complete the following:

Date: December 20, 2013

Time: 10:00 am

Freeway Medical Building,
5800 W. 10th St., Room 801

Place: Little Rock, AR 72204

10. When does the public comment period expire for permanent promulgation? (Must provide a date.)

December 20, 2013 at 11:00 am

11. What is the proposed effective date of this proposed rule? (Must provide a date.)

July 1, 2014

12. Do you expect this rule to be controversial? Yes No

If yes, please explain.

Abortion subject matter is controversial. Proposed changes are statutory and would not otherwise be controversial

13. Please give the names of persons, groups, or organizations that you expect to comment on these rules? Please provide their position (for or against) if known.

unknown

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY

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DIVISION Health Facility Services
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To comply with Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e), please complete the following Financial Impact Statement and file two copies with the questionnaire and proposed rules.

SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE Rules and Regulations for Abortion Facilities in Arkansas

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule have a financial impact? Yes No
2. Is the rule based on the best reasonably obtainable scientific, technical, economic, or other evidence and information available concerning the need for, consequences of, and alternatives to the rule? Yes No
3. In consideration of the alternatives to this rule, was this rule determined by the agency to be the least costly rule considered? Yes No

If an agency is proposing a more costly rule, please state the following:

(a) How the additional benefits of the more costly rule justify its additional cost;

(b) The reason for adoption of the more costly rule;

(c) Whether the more costly rule is based on the interests of public health, safety, or welfare, and if so, please explain; and;

(d) Whether the reason is within the scope of the agency's statutory authority; and if so, please explain.

4. If the purpose of this rule is to implement a federal rule or regulation, please state the following:

(a) What is the cost to implement the federal rule or regulation?

Current Fiscal Year

General Revenue _____
Federal Funds _____
Cash Funds _____
Special Revenue _____
Other (Identify) _____

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue _____
Federal Funds _____
Cash Funds _____
Special Revenue _____
Other (Identify) _____

Total _____

Total _____

(b) What is the additional cost of the state rule?

Current Fiscal Year

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue _____

General Revenue _____

Federal Funds _____

Federal Funds _____

Cash Funds _____

Cash Funds _____

Special Revenue _____

Special Revenue _____

Other (Identify) _____

Other (Identify) _____

Total _____

Total _____

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any private individual, entity and business subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? Identify the entity(ies) subject to the proposed rule and explain how they are affected.

Current Fiscal Year

Next Fiscal Year

\$ 50.00

\$ 0

cost of adding policy for probable post-fertilization age determination (required by statute).

6. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to state, county, and municipal government to implement this rule? Is this the cost of the program or grant? Please explain how the government is affected.

Current Fiscal Year

Next Fiscal Year

\$ _____

\$ _____

None.

7. With respect to the agency's answers to Questions #5 and #6 above, is there a new or increased cost or obligation of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year to a private individual, private entity, private business, state government, county government, municipal government, or to two (2) or more of those entities combined?

Yes No

If YES, the agency is required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e)(4) to file written findings at the time of filing the financial impact statement. The written findings shall be filed simultaneously with the financial impact statement and shall include, without limitation, the following:

- (1) a statement of the rule's basis and purpose;
- (2) the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule, including a statement of whether a rule is required by statute;
- (3) a description of the factual evidence that:
 - (a) justifies the agency's need for the proposed rule; and

- (b) describes how the benefits of the rule meet the relevant statutory objectives and justify the rule's costs;
- (4) a list of less costly alternatives to the proposed rule and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
- (5) a list of alternatives to the proposed rule that were suggested as a result of public comment and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
- (6) a statement of whether existing rules have created or contributed to the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule and, if existing rules have created or contributed to the problem, an explanation of why amendment or repeal of the rule creating or contributing to the problem is not a sufficient response; and
- (7) an agency plan for review of the rule no less than every ten (10) years to determine whether, based upon the evidence, there remains a need for the rule including, without limitation, whether:
 - (a) the rule is achieving the statutory objectives;
 - (b) the benefits of the rule continue to justify its costs; and
 - (c) the rule can be amended or repealed to reduce costs while continuing to achieve the statutory objectives.