

**DECEMBER 3, 2016 EMERGENCY RULE  
ABORTION FACILITIES – LICENSING STANDARDS**

This website posting is in response to correspondence received regarding the **Abortion Facilities – Licensing Standards** Emergency Rule which was published in the December 20, 2016 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., the Louisiana Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing promulgated an Emergency Rule, effective December 3, 2016, in order to amend the provisions governing outpatient abortion clinics in compliance with Acts 97, 563 and 593 of the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

Numerous public comments were received regarding this Emergency Rule. The Department has reviewed these comments and will take them into consideration as we move forward with the administrative rulemaking process to establish clear and concise provisions governing the licensing standards for abortion facilities.

The Department would like to thank all who took the time to provide comments and hopes that you will continue to work with us as we strive to improve healthcare outcomes for Louisiana citizens.