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Department of Health
Bureau of Health Services Financing

Public Hearing-Substantive Changes to Proposed Rule
Adult Residential Care Providers
Licensing Standards
(LAC 48:I.6831 and 6832)

In accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing published a Notice of Intent in the August 20, 2023 edition of the *Louisiana Register* (LR 48:1480-1482) to amend LAC 48:I.Chapter 68 as authorized by R.S. 36:254 and R.S. 40:2166.1-2166.8. This Notice of Intent proposed to amend the provisions governing the licensing of adult residential care providers in order to update the requirements for visitation by members of the clergy, immediate family members, and other designated persons during a public health emergency, in compliance with Act 367 of the 2023 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

As a result of comments received in response to the proposed Rule, the department determined that additional, non-technical revisions are necessary to the provisions of §6831 and §6832 of the August 20, 2023 Notice of Intent.

Taken together, these revisions will closely align the proposed Rule with the department's original intent and the

concerns brought forth during the comment period for the Notice of Intent as originally published.

Title 48
PUBLIC HEALTH-MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
Part I. General Administration
Subpart 3. Licensing and Certification

Chapter 68. Adult Residential Care Providers

Subchapter B. Administration and Organization

§6831. Visitation by Members of the Clergy During a Declared Public Health Emergency

A. - I.5. ...

6. An ARCP shall within 24 hours after establishing its written policies and procedures on clergy member visitation, make its written policies and procedures easily accessible from the homepage of its website, if the ARCP has a website.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 36:254 and R.S. 40:2166.1-2166.8.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health, Bureau of Health Services Financing, LR 47:1500 (October 2021), amended LR 50:

§6832. Visitation by Immediate Family Members and Other Designated Persons During a Declared Public Health Emergency

A. - E.5. ...

6. An ARCP shall within 24 hours after establishing its written policies and procedures on family members and other

designated persons' visitation, make its written policies and procedures easily accessible from the homepage of its website, if the ARCP has a website.

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Interested persons may submit written comments to Tasheka Dukes, RN, Health Standards Section, P.O. Box 3767, Baton Rouge, LA 70821. Ms. Dukes is responsible for responding to inquiries regarding these substantive changes to the proposed Rule. A public hearing on the substantive changes to the proposed Rule is scheduled for Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 118, Bienville Building, 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. At that time all interested persons will be afforded an opportunity to submit data, views or arguments either orally or in writing. The deadline for receipt of all written comments is 4:30 p.m., January 2, 2024.

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Secretary