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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Nadine Pfeiffer, Interim Rule-making Coordinator

N.C. Medical Care Commission

RE: Proposed Amendment of Adult Care Licensure Rules

10A NCAC 13F Licensing of Homes for the Aged and Infirm

10A NCAC 13G Licensing of Family Care Homes

GS 150B-21.2 requires a rule-making body to notify certain individuals of its intent to amend a permanent rule and adopt new rules. It also requires notification of the date, time and location of the public hearing on the rule and any fiscal note that has been prepared in connection with the proposed rule.

The rules are being amended to allow Adult Care Homes and Family Care Homes to package medications needed for a resident in a leave of absence from a facility; therefore, making the process of sending the needed medications with the resident easier, assure accountability and promote safety of the resident. The North Carolina Medical Care Commission has submitted form OAH 0300 to the Codifier of Rules, Office of Administrative Hearings, indicating its intent to proceed with the following rule-making actions:

10A NCAC 13F Licensing of Homes for the Aged and Infirm

10A NCAC 13F .1003 Medication Labels (Amend)

10A NCAC 13F .1010 Pharmaceutical Services (Amend)

10A NCAC 13G Licensing of Family Care Homes

10A NCAC 13G .0103 Medication Labels (Amend)

10A NCAC 13G .1010 Pharmaceutical Services (Amend)

In accordance with G.S. 150B-19.2, the Commission obtained certification of these rules from the Office of State Budget and Management on August 28, 2014.





The proposed rule text will be published in the October 15, 2014 edition of the N.C. Register which can be found at the Office of Administrative Hearings web site at http://www.ncoah.com/rules/register.

A public hearing is scheduled for December 9, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 131, Wright Building, 1201 Umstead Drive, Raleigh, NC 27603. The building is located on the Dorothea Dix Hospital campus. The Commission is accepting public comments on these rules and draft fiscal note from October 15, 2014 – December 15, 2014. Comments will also be accepted in person at the public hearing. The proposed effective date of these rules is April 1, 2015.

A copy of the proposed rules, draft fiscal note, and instructions for submitting comment can be found at the Division of Health Service Regulation web site at www.ncdhhs.gov/dhsr/ruleactions.html. If you have questions related to the proposed rule and fiscal note please contact the Adult Care Licensure Section at (919) 855-3765.

Should you have any questions regarding this memorandum please feel free to contact me at 855-3811.

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