


Rhode Island Department of Health
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health has under consideration proposed *Rules and Regulations for Lead Poisoning Prevention (R23-24.6-PB)*. The Department is proposing amendments that include the following: Revisions in the childhood lead poisoning screening schedule and requirements for discontinuance of annual blood lead screening. [Section 3.0]; Clarification of annual inspection/maintenance of lead-safe status requirements. [Section 4.0]; Revision of course duration requirements for all lead professionals training to reflect “training hours” rather than “actual contact hours” [Sections 1.0 & 18.0].

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, that the Director will hold a public hearing on the above mentioned matter, in the **HEALTH POLICY FORUM** of the Cannon Building (on the lower level), Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island on **FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2006** at **10:00 a.m.** at which time and place all persons interested therein will be heard. The seating capacity of the Cannon Building room will be enforced and therefore the number of persons participating in the hearing may be limited at any given time by the hearing officer, in order to comply with safety and fire codes.

In the development of the rules and regulations, consideration was given to the following: (1) alternative approaches; and (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions. No alternative approach or duplication or overlap was identified based upon available information. The health, safety, and welfare of the public precludes any economic impact that may be incurred as a result of these regulations.

For the sake of accuracy, it is requested that statements to be made relative to any aspect of the regulations, including alternative approaches, overlap, or significant economic impact, be submitted in writing at the time of the hearing or mailed prior to the hearing date to: David R. Gifford, M.D., M.P.H., Director, Rhode Island Department of Health, #401 Cannon Building, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5097.

Copies of the regulations are available for public inspection in the Cannon Building, Room #404, Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, on the Department's website: www.health.ri.gov/hsr/regulations/index.php or the Secretary of State's website: <http://www.sec.state.ri.us/rules/> by calling 401-222-1039, or by e-mailing: LizS@doh.state.ri.us.

The Cannon Building is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Office of Health Services Regulation at 401-222-1600 (Hearing/speech impaired, dial 711) at least 72 hours prior to the hearing.

Signed this 25th day of May 2006



David R. Gifford, M.D., M.P.H., Director of Health