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Hearings on Regulations Related to Alcohol Content in Blood or Breath, Crematories and Durable Medical Equipment

Lincoln - The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services is holding hearings on proposed regulations related to the determination of alcohol content in blood or breath, the licensure of crematories and Medicaid payment for durable medical equipment.

The hearings will be held Thursday, December 19, in the State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, lower level conference room A.

Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. CT

The Division of Public Health is holding this hearing to accept comments on proposed changes to regulations related to the determination of the alcohol content in blood or breath. The proposed changes will remove the minimum number of hours of training required for a Class B permit; remove references to specific model numbers of breath-testing devices; clarify the definition of a valid permit; and add a calibration method, among other items.

Public Hearing at 11:00 a.m. CT

The Division of Public Health is holding this hearing to accept comments on proposed new regulations related to the licensure of crematories. The proposed regulations will establish general licensing and inspection requirements; set out provisions for discipline, nuisance and abatement penalties and injunction; and provide for reinstatement and fees.

Public Hearing at 1:30 p.m. CT

The Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care is holding this hearing to accept public comments on proposed changes to regulations related to Medicaid payment for durable medical equipment (DME) dispensed to residents of nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities. The proposed changes will:

- Specify when costs of DME are to be paid to the residential facility, paid to a DME provider, or are included in the existing rate for nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities;
- Remove the requirement for prior authorization of DME for residents of nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities, and
- Bring Nebraska Medicaid into compliance with federal regulations.

Anyone may attend and comment at the hearing or submit comments in writing. Written comments will be given the same consideration as comments made in person. Written comments must be postmarked or received by 5:00 p.m. CT on the day of the hearing and should be sent to DHHS Legal Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, fax 402-742-2382, or e-mailed to DHHS.RulesandRegs@nebraska.gov

Draft regulations are available online at <http://www.sos.ne.gov/rules-and-regs/regtrack/index.cgi>. Draft copies of the regulations are also available at the office of the Secretary of State, 402-471-2385, or call DHHS Legal Services at (402) 471-8223.