

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**

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**Specific Legal Authority authorizing the promulgation of
Rule: MCA 41-4-7(y)**
**Reference to Rules repealed, amended or suspended by the
Proposed Rule: D-0029**

Explanation of the Purpose of the Proposed Rule and the reason(s) for proposing the rule: The Department of Mental Health, Office of Constituency Services Advisor Council, shall be established to advise and assist the Office of Constituency Services in the development of procedures for investigating and resolving consumer complaints and maintaining a toll-free grievance reporting telephone system for the receipt of complaints by clients of state and community mental health/retardation facilities, as well as responding to requests for information and referrals for services for persons with mental illness, mental retardation and substance abuse.

This rule is proposed as a Final Rule, and/or a Temporary Rule (Check one or both boxers as applicable.)

Persons may present their views on the proposed rule by addressing written comments to the agency at the above address. Persons making comments should include their name and address, as well as other contact information, and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

Oral Proceeding: Check one box below:

An oral proceeding is scheduled on this rule on Date: {Insert Date} Time: {Insert Time}
Place: {Insert Place}

If you wish to be heard and present evidence at the oral proceeding you must make a written request to the agency at the above address at least ____ day(s) prior to the proceeding to be placed on the agenda. The request should include your name, address, telephone number as well as other contact information; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

An oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule. Where an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding will be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address and telephone number of the party or parties you represent.

Economic Impact Statement: Check one box below:

- The agency has determined that an economic impact statement is not required for this rule, or
- The concise summary of the economic impact statement required is attached.

The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

Date Rule Proposed: 4/20/06

Proposed Effective Date of Rule: 30 days after final filing

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Signature and Title of Person Submitting Rule for Filing