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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §2, that the Department of Public Health will hold a public hearing on amendments to the following regulations: 105 CMR 721.000 – *Standards for Prescription Format and Security in Massachusetts*

The proposed amendments implement provisions of chapter 208 of the acts of 2018 (chapter 208 or the CARE Act) establishing a new requirement that most Schedule II through Schedule VI and device prescriptions be issued in a federally-compliant, secure electronic format (ePrescribing) rather than on paper or through an electronic system that does not meet federal security requirements. Proposed amendments also implement CARE Act updates to the partial fill law, while improving the efficiency and consistency of the regulation for both the Department and for the regulated community.

The public hearing will be held at **9:30 a.m. on June 27, 2019, in the Public Health Council Room, Second Floor, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA, 20108.**

Speakers are requested to provide a copy of their oral testimony. The Department encourages all interested parties to submit testimony electronically to the following address: Reg.Testimony@state.ma.us. Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document or as text within the body of an email and type "DCP Regulations" in the subject line. All submissions must include the sender's full name and address. The Department will post all electronic testimony that complies with these instructions on its website. Parties who are unable to submit electronic testimony should mail submissions to William Anderson, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108. All written or oral comments submitted to the Department may be posted on the Department's website and released in response to a request for public records. All testimony must be submitted by **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 2, 2019.**

A copy of the proposed amendments may be viewed on the Department's website or obtained from the Office of the General Counsel at 617-624-5220.