

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE TIMOTHY J. TEMPLE COMMISSIONER

June 10, 2025

The Honorable Cameron Henry

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RE: Notice of Intent to Amend Regulation 120 – Administrative and Agency Proceedings Instituted Against a License

Dear President Henry, Speaker DeVillier, Senator Talbot, and Representative Firment:

The Louisiana Department of Insurance (LDI) hereby submits the following Notice of Intent required by <u>La. R.S. 49:950</u>, et seq, and announces its intention to proceed with the amendment of Regulation 120, which is to be published as a Notice of Intent in the June 2025 edition of the *Louisiana Register*.

Interested persons are provided an opportunity to submit comments to the LDI on the proposed regulation. The LDI will acknowledge any oral or written comments by the expiration of the comment period.

Enclosure: Notice of Intent to Amend Regulation 120 – Administrative and Agency

Proceedings Instituted Against a License

Small Business Analysis

Pursuant to R.S. 49:965.6, methods for reduction of the impact on small business, as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, have been considered when creating this proposed Rule. This proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an adverse impact on small businesses; therefore, a Small Business Economic Impact Statement has not been prepared.

Provider Impact Statement

The proposed Rule is not anticipated to have an impact on staffing requirements, qualifications, and cost for providers as defined by HCR 170 of the 2014 Regular Legislative Session.

Public Comments

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed Rule. Such comments must be received no later than July 10, 2025 at close of business, 4:30 p.m., and should be addressed to Jonathan Whipple, Program Monitor, Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, P.O. BOX 60630, New Orleans, LA 70160 or emailed to Jonathan Whipple at jonathan.whipple@la.gov.

Public Hearing

Interested persons may submit a written request to conduct a public hearing either by U.S. mail to the Office of the Secretary ATTN: LDH Rulemaking Coordinator, Post Office Box 629, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0629; however, such request must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2025. If the criteria set forth in R.S. 49:961(B)(1) are satisfied, LDH will conduct a public hearing at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 25, 2025, in Room 117 of the Bienville Building, which is located at 628 North Fourth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. To confirm whether or not a public hearing will be held, interested persons should first call Allen Enger at (225) 342-1342 after Thursday, July 10, 2025. If a public hearing is to be held, all interested persons are invited to attend and present data, views, comments, or arguments, orally or in writing. In the event of a hearing, parking is available to the public in the Galvez Parking Garage which is located between North Sixth and North Fifth/North and Main Streets (cater-corner from the Bienville Building). Validated parking for the Galvez Garage may be available to public hearing attendees when the parking ticket is presented to LDH staff at the hearing.

> Bruce D. Greenstein Secretary and Ralph L. Abraham, M.D. Surgeon General

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RULE TITLE: Reportable Diseases and Conditions

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

Other than the cost of rulemaking, there are no estimated implementation costs or savings for state or local government units resulting from the promulgation of the proposed rule change. The cost for the Office of Public Health is approximately \$500 in FY 25 for the notice and rule publication in the Louisiana Register.

Proposed rule updates the Louisiana Administrative Code to revise contact information for the Louisiana Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (LCLPPP) and the Section of Environmental Epidemiology and Toxicology (SEET) within the Department of Health. The rule does not alter the list of reportable diseases or the reporting obligations for healthcare providers and laboratories. It is a technical amendment intended to ensure timely and accurate disease reporting by reflecting current phone numbers, fax lines, and website addresses for relevant state programs. No new regulatory responsibilities or costs are imposed as a result of the rule.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule change is not anticipated to impact the revenue collections of state or local governmental units.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

There are no known estimated costs and/or economic benefits to directly affected persons, small businesses, or non-governmental groups.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

There is no estimated effect on competition and employment.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Insurance Office of the Commissioner

Regulation 120—Administrative and Agency Proceedings Instituted against a License (LAC 37:XIII.Chapter 181)

The Department of Insurance, pursuant to the authority of the Louisiana Insurance Code, R.S. 22:1 et seq., and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq., hereby gives notice of its intent to amend Regulation 120—Administrative and Agency Proceedings Instituted Against a License.

The purpose of Regulation 120 is to establish procedures for governing the institution of administrative and agency proceedings resulting in administrative action with respect to a license. The statute has been amended by Acts 135 and 487 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session, which provides for notices of intent and for regulatory actions to be sent to the licensee via electronic means. Therefore, Regulation 120 is being amended to provide for electronic delivery.

Title 37 INSURANCE

Part XIII. Regulations

Chapter 181. Regulation 120—Administrative and Agency Proceedings Instituted against a License

§18109. Definitions

A. ...

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Electronic Delivery—a method of providing electronic notice to a licensee including but not limited to email, web portal or other electronic mechanism established for communication from the Department of Insurance.

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AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, 22:11, 22:18, 22:2191, et seq., and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 48:1105 (April 2022), amended LR 51:

§18111. Actions against License; Notice of Wrongful Conduct; Opportunity to Show Compliance

A. Prior to the institution of an agency proceeding regarding the revocation, suspension, annulment, or withdrawal of a license, the commissioner shall give the licensee notice of the wrongful conduct alleged and an opportunity to show compliance with all lawful requirements for the retention of the license in accordance with R.S. 49:950 et seq. The notice of wrongful conduct shall be in writing and mailed, electronically delivered or delivered personally to the licensee at the last known address or principal place of business identified in the department's database for the licensee, and it must include the particulars set forth under Subpart B herein.

B. ...

C. The licensee shall have 20 calendar days from the mailing, electronic delivery, or personal delivery of the notice of wrongful conduct by the commissioner to demonstrate compliance with all lawful requirements for retention of the license as specified in the notice of wrongful conduct, unless the commissioner determines that an extension of time is warranted.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, 22:11, 22:18, 22:2191, et seq., and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 48:1105 (April 2022), amended LR 51:

§18113. Notice of Regulatory Action

A. If the licensee fails to demonstrate compliance with all lawful requirements of Title 22 for retention of the license to the satisfaction of the commissioner within 20 calendar days of the mailing, electronic delivery, or personal service of the notice of wrongful conduct, or within any extension of time approved by the commissioner, a notice of regulatory action may be issued. The notice shall be in writing and issued vial mail, electronic delivery or by personal delivery to the last known address or principal place of business identified in the department's database for the licensee. The revocation, suspension, annulment, or withdrawal of a license shall take effect 10 calendar days from the date of issuance of the notice of regulatory action, unless otherwise provided in Title 22. The licensee shall have the right to timely demand an administrative hearing to contest the notice of regulatory action in accordance with R.S. 22:2191, et seq.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, 22:11, 22:18, 22:2191, et seq., and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 48:1105 (April 2022), amended LR 51:

§18115. Notice of Summary Suspension or Order

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of this regulation, if the commissioner finds that the public health, safety, or welfare of Louisiana citizens imperatively requires emergency action, the commissioner may issue a notice of

summary suspension or order to the licensee, setting forth the basis for such a finding. The notice of summary suspension or order shall be in writing and mailed, electronically delivered or delivered personally to the licensee at the last known address or principal place of business identified in the department's database for the licensee, and it may be issued while agency proceedings for license revocation or other adverse actions authorized by R.S. 49:961© are pending, unless otherwise provided in Title 22. The licensee shall have the right to timely demand an administrative hearing to contest the notice of summary suspension or order in accordance with R.S. 22:2191, et seq.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 22:2, 22:11, 22:18, 22:2191, et seq., and the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Insurance, Office of the Commissioner, LR 48:1106 (April 2022), amended LR 51:

Family Impact Statement

- 1. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Stability of the Family. The proposed amended regulation should have no measurable impact upon the stability of the family.
- 2. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Authority and Rights of Parents Regarding the Education and Supervision of Their Children. The proposed amended regulation should have no impact upon the rights and authority of parents regarding the education and supervision of their children.
- 3. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Functioning of the Family. The proposed amended regulation should have no direct impact upon the functioning of the family.
- 4. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on Family Earnings and Budget. The proposed amended regulation should have no direct impact upon family earnings and budget.
- 5. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Behavior and Personal Responsibility of Children. The proposed amended regulation should have no impact upon the behavior and personal responsibility of children.
- 6. Describe the Effect of the Proposed Regulation on the Ability of the Family or a Local Government to Perform the Function as Contained in the Rule. The proposed amended regulation should have no impact upon the ability of the family or a local governmental unit to perform the function as contained in the rule.

Poverty Impact Statement

- 1. Describe the Effect on Household Income, Assets, and Financial Security. The proposed amended regulation should have no effect on household income assets and financial security.
- 2. Describe the Effect on Early Childhood Development and Preschool through Postsecondary Education Development. The proposed amended regulation should have no effect on early childhood development and preschool through postsecondary education development.
- 3. Describe the Effect on Employment and Workforce Development. The proposed amended regulation should have no effect on employment and workforce development.
- 4. Describe the Effect on Taxes and Tax Credits. The proposed amended regulation should have no effect on taxes and tax credits.

5. Describe the Effect on Child and Dependent Care, Housing, Health Care, Nutrition, Transportation and Utilities Assistance. The proposed amended regulation should have no effect on child and dependent care, housing, health care, nutrition, transportation, and utilities assistance.

Small Business Analysis

The impact of the proposed amended regulation on small businesses as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act has been considered. It is estimated that the proposed amended regulation is not expected to have a significant adverse impact on small businesses. The agency, consistent with health, safety, environmental, and economic welfare factors has considered and, where possible, utilized regulatory methods in the drafting of the proposed amended regulation that will accomplish the objectives of applicable statutes while minimizing the adverse impact of the proposed regulation on small businesses.

- 1. Identification and Estimate of the Number of the Small Businesses Subject to the Proposed Rule. The proposed amended regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.
- 2. The Projected Reporting, Record Keeping, and Other Administrative Costs Required for Compliance with the Proposed Rule, Including the Type of Professional Skills Necessary for Preparation of the Report or Record. The proposed amended regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.
- 3. A Statement of the Probable Effect on Impacted Small Businesses. The proposed amended regulation should have no measurable impact upon small businesses.
- 4. Describe any Less Intrusive or Less Costly Alternative Methods of Achieving the Purpose of the Proposed Rule. The proposed amended regulation should have no measurable impact on small businesses; therefore, there is no less intrusive or less costly alternative method of achieving the purpose of the proposed regulation.

Provider Impact Statement

- 1. Describe the Effect on the Staffing Level Requirements or Qualifications Required to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed amended regulation will have no effect.
- 2. The Total Direct and Indirect Effect on the Cost to the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed amended regulation will have no effect.
- 3. The Overall Effect on the Ability of the Provider to Provide the Same Level of Service. The proposed amended regulation will have no effect.

Public Comments

Interested persons who wish to make comments may do so by writing to Jacob Carter, Staff Attorney, Louisiana Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 94214, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9214, or by faxing comments to (225) 342-1632, or electronically at regulations@ldi.la.gov. Comments will be accepted through the close of business, 4:30 p.m., July 20, 2025.

Timothy J. Temple Commissioner

FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

RULE TITLE: Regulation 120—Administrative and Agency Proceedings Instituted against a License

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule is not anticipated to result in implementation costs or savings to the state or local governmental units. The proposed rule revisions amend Regulation 120, which was implemented to establish procedures for the governance of administrative action against a license. Act 135 and Act 487 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session added a provision for notices of intent and for regulatory actions to be sent to the licenses via electronic means. Therefore, this regulation is amended to provide for electronic delivery.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

The proposed rule will have no impact on state or local government revenues.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS, SMALL BUSINESSES, OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

The proposed rule will benefit administrative and agency proceedings by amending the rule to provide electronic delivery.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

The proposed rule will have no impact on competition and employment in the state.

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NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Insurance Office of the Commissioner

Regulation 135—Advisory Board or Commission (LAC 37:XIII.Chapter 207)

The Department of Insurance, pursuant to the authority of the Louisiana Insurance Code, R.S. 22:1 et seq., and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950, et seq., hereby gives notice of its intent to promulgate Regulation 135—Advisory Board or Commission.

The Department of Insurance promulgates Regulation 135 to comply with Act 339 of the 2024 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature which amended R.S. 22:2161. Regulation 135 provides the commissioner with the authority to create and operate advisory boards or commissions.