

## Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal

**AGENCY:** DHHS Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention

**CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE:** Chapter 280, Rules Relating to the Maine Birth Defects Program

**PROPOSED RULE NUMBER:** (LEAVE BLANK - ASSIGNED BY SECRETARY OF STATE): Chapter 280

**BRIEF SUMMARY:**

This rule establishes the responsibilities of hospital administrators, physicians and other health care providers with regard to the reporting of the presence of birth defects in infants and fetuses; the confidentiality requirements of the Maine Birth Defects Program; the nature of contact between the Maine Birth Defects Program and families of children with birth defects, and the provision for parental objection to birth defect reporting or participation in the birth defect registry. These proposed changes update the reportable birth defects listing, specify specialty providers' board certification or eligibility is the American Board of Medical Specialties, clarify wording for referral to the Part C Agency (Child Development Services) in Maine and correct a typo and grammatical errors.

**Date, time and location of PUBLIC HEARING (if any):** Public Hearing not scheduled.

**COMMENT DEADLINE:** August 5, 2017

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES (if any):** None anticipated.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE:** 22 M.R.S. §8944

**SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED (if different):**

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