

Administrative Rule Analysis



COMMUNICABLE AND RELATED DISEASES

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BACKGROUND & SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES SUBMITTED TO JCAR

The proposed rules amend 9 existing administrative rules and rescind one existing rule related to the Michigan Department of Community Health responsibilities for communicable and related diseases. The changes include:

- Removal of the term and listing of over 150 specific “designated conditions”, which have been superseded by statutory amendments to the Public Health Code: Act 119 of 2010 requires the Department to maintain a list of diseases and revise the list annually, replacing language which required the Department to use the rules process to perform this function (Rule 1).
- Clarification of local health officer power to exclude persons or students from attendance who are suspected of having a communicable disease, including persons not vaccinated (Rule 5).
- Immunization requirement updates for children attending group programs or school to comply with: Act 120 of 2013 statutory amendments to the Public Health Code to shift certain immunization requirements for school children from grade 6 to grade 7; and current recommendations of national and state immunization advisory entities. Also adds language establishing that nonmedical immunization exemptions must be certified by the local health department to confirm that the child’s family was provided educational information regarding vaccinations. (Rule 6)
- Rescinding of Rule 8 regarding state aid for tuberculosis patients requiring hospital or outpatient related medical care; the Department indicates that there is no longer any funding related to this rule.
- Various technical modifications to support the above changes and other technical updates and clarifying adjustments.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

State The rule changes will not create any significant costs to the State. The Department of Community Health may have modest costs for communication and support to local health departments and schools. The Department indicates that one-time costs have already occurred of less than \$25,000 to implement immunization registry changes related to Act 120 of 2013, the basis for Rule 6 changes.

Local Some local public health departments may have modest cost implications related to implementation of rule 6 changes for education and certification of nonmedical immunization exemptions, which may include communication with schools regarding changes.

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