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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 2, that the **Board of Registration of Genetic Counselors (Board)** within the Department of Public Health (Department), will hold a public hearing on the Board's proposed revision to its regulations at 270 CMR.

The proposed updates to 270 CMR will: (1) update licensing and continuing education provisions to reflect current accrediting and certifying entities, (2) incorporate VALOR act provisions applicable to service members, their spouses and veterans, (4) add provisions for license retirement, (5) add standards of conduct, and (6) promote efficiency and consistency in the initiation, investigation and handling of complaints across all boards under the supervision of the Department. The proposed regulations will include:

270 CMR 2.00	Purpose, Authority and Definitions
270 CMR 3.00	Licensure Requirements and Procedures
270 CMR 4.00	Standards of Conduct
270 CMR 5.00	Investigations, Complaints and Board Actions

The public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, August 23, 2016, at 2:00 pm in Room 417A/B (4th Floor), 239 Causeway Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02114**. Hearing testimony may be presented orally or in writing; a written copy of any oral testimony will be requested.

The Department encourages all interested parties to submit written 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, with "BORG: 270 CMR" 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: Catrice C. Williams, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02108. All written testimony must be submitted by **5:00 pm on Friday, August 26, 2016**.

A copy of the Notice of Public Hearing and the proposed amendment to Board regulations may be viewed on the Department's website or obtained from Catrice C. Williams, Office of the General Counsel, at 617-624-5220.