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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 Physician Assistants (Board)** within the Department of Public Health (Department), will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to the Board's regulations at 263 CMR 2.00, 3.00, 5.00 and 6.00. These regulations set definitions used throughout 263 CMR (2.00), set licensure requirements and procedures (3.00) and set practice standards and employment requirements (5.00). Lastly, they set forth provisions relating to the investigation of complaints, grounds for discipline, disciplinary actions and summary suspension proceedings (6.00). The Board further proposes to rescind provisions at 263 CMR 4.00, relating to procedures for obtaining approval of physician assistant training programs. These are no longer in use as a result of national accreditation of such programs.

The public hearing will be held on **Tuesday, November 29, 2016, at 10:00 am 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](mailto:Reg.Testimony@state.ma.us). Please submit electronic testimony as an attached Word document, with "BORPA: 263 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: 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 Tuesday, December 6, 2016**.

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