

Administrative Rule Analysis



DEFINITION OF "INFECTIOUS AGENT"

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Department: Health and Human Services
Agency: Bureau of Epidemiology and Population Health
Enabling Statute: Public Health Code 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.2221, 333.2226, 333.2233, and 333.2843b et seq., and Executive Reorganization Order No. 2015-1, MCL 400.227 et seq.

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BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED RULES

The proposed rule would amend an existing administrative rule related to the statutory requirement that a physician notify a funeral director of the presence of an infectious agent in a deceased person, and advise of appropriate infection control precautions. The current language of the rule lists 29 diseases or conditions defined as "infectious agent". The proposed rule change would replace current language with a statement that the department shall review, maintain, and publish a list of infectious agents, accessible at "www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/infectiousagentreporting". The stated website is not yet active.

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED RULES

STATE - The proposed rule change would have a minor fiscal impact on the State, for modest costs to the Department of Health and Human Services for internet website maintenance, and also long-term cost savings because the Administrative Rules process would not need to be initiated for new infectious disease agents to be added to the rule in the future.

LOCAL - The proposed rule change would have no direct fiscal impact on local units of government.

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