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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS
Revisions to Chapter 511-5-8
“Screening of Public School Children for Scoliosis”

The Department of Public Health hereby adopts the amendments to Rule 511-5-8, “Screening of Public School Children for Scoliosis,” as provided in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking issued on June 15, 2022. This action is taken pursuant to the Department’s authority under Georgia Code Sections 31-2A-6 and 20-2-772.

In accordance with Georgia Code Section 31-5-1, the above-listed amendments will take effect on August 18, 2022.

This 19th day of July, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Kathleen E. Toomey', is positioned above a horizontal line.

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**RULES OF
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**CHAPTER 511-5
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**511-5-8
SCREENING OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN FOR SCOLIOSIS**

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Rule 511-5-8-.02 Provision for Screening

- (1) The health authority in cooperation with the school authority shall provide screening of public school children in the at risk population.
- (2) The annual screening process will target a minimum of two grades occupied by the at risk population, recognizing that with their earlier maturation females should be screened in early adolescence.
- (3) All children in the at risk population grades selected shall be screened except those children whose parents or legal guardians object in writing to such screening.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 31-2A-6, 20-2-772.

Rule 511-5-8-.05 Screening Process

- (1) The health authority shall cause each eligible child to be screened.
- (2) Children identified as having a possible spinal deformity by volunteers shall be rescreened by the health authority.
- (3) The health authority, at its discretion, may conduct follow-up clinics, utilizing x-ray and physician evaluation.
- (4) Parents or guardians shall be notified solely by the health authority if their child is identified, during the screening process, as having a possible spinal deformity. The health authority shall also recommend to the parents or guardians that they seek further professional attention for the child.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. 31-2A-6, 20-2-772.