

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DEPARTMENT VAN GESONDHEID**

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AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS RELATING TO COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND THE NOTIFICATION OF NOTIFIABLE MEDICAL CONDITIONS

The Minister of Health intends, in terms of sections 32, 33 and 34 of the Health Act, 1977 (Act No. 63 of 1977), to make the regulations in the Schedule.

Interested persons are invited to submit any substantiated comments or representations on the proposed regulations to the Director-General of Health, Private Bag X828, Pretoria, 0001 (for the attention of the Director: Health Systems Research, Research Co-ordination and Epidemiology), within three months of the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE**Definitions**

1. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise indicates, "the Regulations" means the Regulations relating to Communicable Diseases and the Notification of Notifiable Medical Conditions published by Government Notice No. R. 2438 of 30 October 1987.

Amendment of regulation 10 of the Regulations

2. Regulation 10 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the deletion of subregulation (3)

Amendment of regulation 19 of the Regulations

3. The following regulation is hereby substituted for regulation 19 of the Regulations:

"19. (1) When a medical practitioner, a practitioner registered as such under the Chiropractors, Homeopaths and Allied Health Service Professions Act, 1982 (Act No. 63 of 1982), or any other person legally competent to diagnose and treat a person with regard to notifiable medical conditions, diagnoses a notifiable medical condition in a person, he or she shall report his or her findings—

(a) in cases where the condition concerned is also a communicable disease, without delay orally, and this must be confirmed in writing within 24 hours;

(b) in any other case within seven days orally and, if so requested by the body to which the report must be made, in writing to—

(i) the office of the health section or any other appropriate section of the local authority concerned; or

(ii) the appropriate regional director in cases where the Director-General acts as a local authority in terms of section 30 of the Act; or

(2) In cases where the medical condition diagnosed as contemplated in subregulation (1) is the acquired immuno deficiency syndrome (AIDS) disease, the person performing the diagnosis shall also inform, the immediate family members and the persons who are giving care to the person in respect of whom the report is made and, in cases of acquired immuno deficiency syndrome (AIDS) death, the persons responsible for the preparation of the body of such person.

(3) On making a report referred to in subregulation (1) (a) and (b) with regard to acquired immuno deficiency syndrome (AIDS), the following shall be furnished: age, sex, population group, date of diagnosis, medical condition at the time of diagnosis, any available information concerning the probable place and source of infection and the name of the city, town or magistracy in which the person resides in respect of whom the report is made.

(4) The local authority concerned shall forward, weekly via the regional director, particulars of all reports referred to in sub regulation (1) (a) and (b) in respect of the preceding week to the Director-General on a form drawn up and made available by the Department of Health."

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