

ADOPTIONS SECTION

HEALTH

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES BRANCH

SPECIAL CHILD HEALTH AND EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

EARLY IDENTIFICATION AND MONITORING PROGRAM

Notice of Readoption

Birth Defects Registry

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 8:20

Authority: N.J.S.A. 26:2-103.1 through 103.9, particularly 103.9; 26:2-185 through 188; and 26:8-40.20 through 40.26, particularly 40.26.

Authorized By: Cathleen D. Bennett, Commissioner, Department of Health.

Effective Date: September 8, 2017.

New Expiration Date: September 8, 2024.

Take notice that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the Commissioner of the Department of Health (Department) hereby readopts N.J.A.C. 8:20, which was to expire on October 20, 2017.

N.J.A.C. 8:20 establishes, at Subchapter 1, Live Births, definitions of terms the subchapter uses, and standards for reporting birth defects in newborns to the Department; and at Subchapter 2, Autism, the purpose and scope of the subchapter, definitions of terms the subchapter uses, and standards for reporting autism diagnoses to the Department.

The Department is developing rulemaking that would revise and update N.J.A.C. 8:20. However, the rulemaking in development will not be implemented in time to prevent

the expiration of existing N.J.A.C. 8:20. The Commissioner has reviewed N.J.A.C. 8:20 and determined that the existing chapter remains necessary, proper, reasonable, efficient, understandable, and responsive to the purposes for which the Department originally promulgated it, as amended and supplemented over time, and should be readopted. Therefore, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), N.J.A.C. 8:20 is readopted and shall continue in effect for seven years.