

Board Proposes First-Notice Amendments to PIMW Rules and Opens a Subdocket on the Definition of “Class 4 Etiological Agent”

The Board, on February 14, 2019, proposed non-substantive amendments to its potentially infectious medical waste (PIMW) regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code 1420, 1421, 1422) for first-notice publication in the *Illinois Register*. The PIMW regulations address the treatment, packaging, labeling, storage, transportation, and disposal of PIMW, and apply to PIMW generators, transporters, and receiving facilities. The proposed amendments seek only to streamline, update, and clarify the PIMW regulations.

The Board held two hearings on this proposal and no additional hearings are currently scheduled. The Board will accept public comment on the proposed amendments until April 15, 2019. This rulemaking is captioned Amendments to 35 Ill. Adm. Code Subtitle M: Biological Waste, docket R18-29. Here are links to the Board’s [opinion and order](#) and the Board’s [addendum](#) containing the proposed amendments.

Also, to consider substantively amending the definition of “Class 4 etiological agent,” the Board opened a subdocket B captioned Amendments to Definition of “Class 4 Etiological Agent”, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 1420.102, docket R18-29(B). The hearing officer will issue an order providing the procedures for this subdocket.

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