

For Public Comment, Board Proposes Amendments to “Class 4 Etiologic Agent” Definition

On December 19, 2019, the Board proposed amendments to update the definition of “Class 4 etiologic agent” in its regulations on potentially infectious medical waste or “PIMW.” Under the Environmental Protection Act, the Board must adopt rules that are “identical in substance” to the listing of etiologic agents identified as Class 4 in the Centers for Disease Control’s “Classification of Etiological Agents on the Basis of Hazard, 1974,” as amended. Four Class 4 etiologic agents were recently added to that listing: Guanarito virus; Sabia; Ebola Virus; and Equine Morbillivirus. The Board therefore proposed adding those four agents to the viral agent list within its definition of “Class 4 etiologic agent.”

The Board invited public comment on the proposal and directed the Clerk to cause publication of the proposed amendments in the *Illinois Register*. The Board also indicated that it would hold two public hearings on the proposal. The rulemaking is captioned Amendments to Definition of “Class 4 etiologic agent”, 35 Ill. Adm. Code 1420.102, docket R20-17. Here are links to the Board’s (1) [opinion and order](#) and (2) [addendum](#) containing the proposed rule text. For more information, please contact Chloe Cummings at 312-814-3665 or chloe.cummings@illinois.gov.