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Dear Interested Party:

The Florida Boards of Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine are conducting rulemaking pursuant to SB462. This bill, signed by the Governor on June 18, 2009, requires that certain clinics practicing pain management register with the Department of Health and be subject to annual inspection or national accreditation. Both Boards are required by the bill to adopt rules setting forth standards for physicians practicing in registered pain management clinics. Rule workshops will include, but not be limited to, the following areas:

- Application
- Fees
- Facility operations
- Physical operations
- Infection control requirements
- Health and safety requirements
- Quality assurance requirements
- Patient records
- Training requirements of health care practitioners regulated by the Boards of Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine working in the clinics
- Inspections
- Accreditation organizations
- Data collection and reporting requirements

The first Rule Workshops is scheduled for August 29, 2009 at the Tampa Marriott Airport, Tampa International Airport, Tampa, Florida. The meeting will begin at 12:00 p.m. We believe your input will be of great value to us as we move through the rulemaking process. This joint committee would like to invite you to this meeting to participate in the discussion. If you are unable to attend but would like to submit documentation for the committee's review, please send it to the Board of Medicine at 4042 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C03, Tallahassee, FL 32305 no later than August 17, 2009.

Fred Bearison, M.D.

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Sincerely,

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