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**NOTICE OF AGENCY GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS**

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The Administrative Procedure Act requires the publication of guidance documents and substantive policy statements issued by agencies (A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(14)).

Substantive policy statements and guidance documents are written expressions which inform the general public of an agency's current approach to rule or regulation practice.

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1. **Title of the guidance document and the guidance document number by which the document is referenced:**  
GD-113-PHS-EDC: Guidelines for Submission of Isolates for *Shigella spp.* and *Streptococcus pneumoniae*
2. **Date of the publication of the guidance document and the effective date of the document if different from the publication date:**  
Effective date: March 9, 2016
3. **Summary of the contents of the guidance document:**  
This guidance document advises clinical laboratories and the public that the Arizona Department of Health Services (Department) will not be enforcing the isolate-submission requirements as written in rule for *Shigella spp.* and *Streptococcus pneumoniae*.
4. **A statement as to whether the guidance document is a new document or a revision:**  
The guidance document is a new document.
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A copy of the guidance document is available, free of charge, from the Arizona Department of Health Services, Office of Administrative Counsel and Rules at the following web address: <http://www.azdhs.gov/ops/oacr/rules/guidance/index.php>. A copy of the guidance document may also be obtained from the Arizona Department of Health Services, Bureau of Epidemiology and Disease Control, 150 N. 18th Avenue, Suite 140, Phoenix, AZ 85007, for 25 cents per page. Payment is accepted in cash or money order made payable to the Arizona Department of Health Services.