

# HEALTH FACILITY LICENSING – Proposed Amendments and Proposed New Regulation

## **R.61-16, Minimum Standards for Licensing Hospitals and Institutional General Infirmaries**

State Register Document 4740

### **Summary:**

The Department of Health and Environmental Control is amending Regulation 61-16. These amendments are necessary to incorporate recent changes in state law as well as changes to current practices and standards. The amendment incorporates provisions allowing dietitians to prescribe diets and other dietary services; incorporate requirements of S.C. Code Sections 44-41-410 through -480 relating to the provision of abortion services; incorporate existing inspection and construction fees; and incorporate new safe haven requirements.

### **Link to Notice of Final Regulation submitted for legislative review:**

<http://www.scstatehouse.gov/regs/4740.docx>

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## **R.61-78, Standards for Licensing Hospices**

State Register Document 4800

### **Summary:**

On May 19, 2017, Governor Henry McMaster signed into law Act No. 61 amending the Hospice Licensure Act. The Department proposes amending R.61-78 to incorporate the provisions of Act

No. 61 into its oversight of hospices. The Department may also include stylistic changes, which may include corrections for clarity and readability, grammar, punctuation, definitions, references, codification, and overall improvement of the text of the regulation. Legislative review is required.

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**R.61-TBD, Proposed New Regulation for Crisis Stabilization Unit Facilities**

State Register Document TBD

**Summary:**

On April 24, 2017, Governor Henry McMaster signed into effect Act No. 10 amending Article 3 of Chapter 7, Title 44, to require the Department to license and regulate Crisis Stabilization Unit Facilities. These facilities provide a short-term residential program, offering psychiatric stabilization services and brief, intensive crisis services to individuals eighteen and older, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Legislative review is required.

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