

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND TRAUMA – New Regulation

R.61-118, South Carolina Stroke Care System

State Register Document 4760

Summary:

The Department of Health and Environmental Control (“Department”) proposes a new regulation to address the requirements of the Stroke System of Care Act of 2011, S.C. Code Sections 44-61-610 et seq. (Supp. 2016). The proposed regulation establishes a process of application and recognition of acute care hospitals wishing to be recognized as stroke centers within South Carolina. The proposed regulation establishes a statewide stroke registry for the collection and analysis of stroke care by acute care hospitals within the State. Additionally, the proposed regulation adopts a nationally recognized, standardized stroke-triage assessment tool, posted on the Department’s website and distributed to all Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) agencies licensed by the Department. Legislative review is required.

Link to Notice of Final Regulation: <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/regs/4760.docx>

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