

### 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>

#### **History and Status:**

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