

Emergency Medical Services; Trauma; Athletic Trainers

State Register Document No.____, Propose New Regulation to address the Stroke System of Care Act of 2011

Synopsis:

In 2011, the General Assembly passed the Stroke System of Care Act of 2011 which requires the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to promulgate regulations to establish a process of application and recognition of acute care hospitals that wish to be recognized as stroke centers within the State. A list of all recognized stroke centers must be posted on the Department website and distributed to all DHEC licensed Emergency Medical Service (EMS) agencies. The act further requires the Department to establish a statewide stroke registry for the collection and analysis of stroke care by acute care hospitals within the State. Additionally, the act requires the Department to adopt and distribute a nationally recognized, standardized stroke-triage assessment tool. This assessment tool must be posted on the Department's website and distributed to all DHEC licensed EMS agencies.

Legislative review of this amendment is required.

Status:

The Department initiated the statutory process to develop this new regulation pursuant to publication of a Notice of Drafting in the S.C. State Register on April 28, 2017. Interested persons may submit comments to Robert Wronski, Bureau Chief, DHEC Bureau of EMS and Trauma, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, or via email at wronskra@dhec.sc.gov. Comments may also be submitted electronically at the following address: <http://www.scdhec.gov/Agency/RegulationsAndUpdates/PublicComments/>, under the Notice of Drafting for South Carolina Stroke Care System. To be considered, all comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. May 29, 2017, the close of the drafting comment period.