

### EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, TRAUMA, AND ATHLETIC TRAINERS – Proposed Regulation

#### **R.61-TBD, Proposed New Regulation to address the Stroke System of Care Act of 2011**

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##### **Summary:**

In 2011, the General Assembly passed the Stroke System of Care Act of 2011 (“Act”) 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 is required.

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