

HEALTH FACILITY LICENSING – Proposed Regulations

R.61-15, Certification of Need for Health Facilities and Services

State Register Document TBD

Synopsis:

The Department proposes amending this regulation to enable an electronic application process, revise the application format, update exemption and non-applicability determination processes, and revise language regarding penalties and enforcement actions. The Department also intends to add, remove, or modify multiple definitions contained within the regulation. The Department may also update language and processes related to public hearings on Certificate of Need applications, the application and review process and related notifications, voidance and extension procedures, and periodic and final reporting requirements regarding issued Certificates of Need. The amendment may also revise the project review criteria. The Department may also revise the monetary thresholds which trigger a Certificate of Need review. The Department may also make stylistic changes for internal consistency, clarification in wording, corrections of references, grammatical errors, outlining and codification, and such other changes as may be necessary to improve the overall quality of the regulation. Legislative review is required.

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

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Synopsis:

The Department is making necessary amendments to this regulation 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. Legislative review is required.

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R.61-78, Standards for Licensing Hospices

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Synopsis:

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

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Synopsis:

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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