

## R.61-7, Emergency Medical Services – Proposed Amendment

State Register Document No. 5055

General Assembly review required

Link to published Notice of Proposed Regulation (“NPR”): [www.scstatehouse.gov/regs/5055.docx](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/regs/5055.docx)

### Status |

NPR published; comment period closed

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### Summary |

The Department proposes amending R.61-7 to update provisions in accordance with current practices and standards. Proposed amendments incorporate and revise provisions and definitions to conform to statutory mandates and terminology widely used and understood within the provider community. The Department proposes revising requirements for Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) training programs, ambulance design and equipment, incident reporting, sanitation and infection control, monetary penalties, and other requirements for EMS agency licensure, ambulance permitting, and EMT certification. The Department also proposes amending the regulation to provide direction to emergency personnel in identifying patients who have a Do Not Resuscitate Order (“DNR”), and to add oversight of the Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST) form and carry out other related responsibilities to the form.

The Department further proposes revisions for clarity and readability, grammar, references, codification, and overall improvement to the text of the regulation. R.61-7 was last amended in 2016.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.

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## R.61-75, Standards for Licensing Day Care Facilities for Adults – Proposed Amendment

State Register Document No. 4977

General Assembly review required

Link to Notice of Final Regulation (“NFR”) for legislative review: [www.scstatehouse.gov/regs/4977.docx](http://www.scstatehouse.gov/regs/4977.docx)

### Status |

Legislative review tolled due to request by House Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee to withdraw and resubmit

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### Summary |

The Department amends R.61-75 to update provisions in accordance with current practices and standards. Amendments incorporate and revise provisions relating to statutory mandates, update definitions to conform to terminology widely used and understood within the provider community, and revise requirements for incident reporting, staffing and training, medication management, patient care and services, infection control, meal service, emergency procedures, design and construction, fire and life safety, and licensure. The amendments also update the structure of the regulation throughout for consistency with other DHEC Healthcare Quality regulations.

The Department further revises R.61-75 for clarity and readability, grammar, references, codification, and overall improvement to the text of the regulation. R.61-75 was last amended in 2015.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.

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## R.61-77, Standards for Licensing Home Health Agencies – Proposed Amendment

State Register Document No. 5057

General Assembly review required

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### Status |

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### Summary |

Pursuant to S.C. Code Sections 44-69-10 et seq., the Department sets standards for the care, treatment, health, safety, welfare, and comfort of patients served by home health agencies, and for the maintenance and operation of home health agencies. The Department proposes amending R.61-77, Standards for Licensing Home Health Agencies, to ensure alignment with current federal and state laws, and revise definitions and requirements for obtaining licensure, inspections, personnel, enforcement, patient care, record maintenance and retention, and licensure standards.

The Administrative Procedures Act, S.C. Code Section 1-23-120(A), requires General Assembly review of these proposed amendments.

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