

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

General Assembly review required

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Summary |

Pursuant to S.C. Code Sections 44-7-250 and -260(A)(1), the Department establishes and enforces minimum standards for the licensure, maintenance, and operation of hospitals to ensure the safe and appropriate treatment of persons served in this state. The Department proposes amending R.61-16, Minimum Standards for Licensing Hospitals and Institutional General Infirmaries, to ensure alignment with current state laws and to update and revise definitions, license requirements and fees, staff and training, reporting, disaster management, accommodations for patients, patient care and services, perinatal services, design and construction, fire protection, prevention and life safety, and policies and procedures.

The proposed amendments 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.

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