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Good Evening,

Please see the below update on DHEC's preparation efforts and activities related to the winter weather event:

- DHEC ESF-8 (Health and Medical Services) staff has been placed on standby for possible SEOC activation.
- Our special medical needs staffers also have been notified and are on standby across the state; these staffers have verified the status of equipment and supplies for their shelters.
- We also have determined the status of 4-wheel drive availability in all of our regions to transport individuals who may require a special medical needs shelter.
- At this time, we are working to place 1 individual who has lost power in a special medical needs shelter at Cannon Hospital in Pickens County; the county is coordinating transport of this individual to the hospital.

As of 5 p.m., DHEC has participated in 3 conference calls with SCEMD, counties and state agencies. We will continue to coordinate through SCEMD to provide needed support services during the winter weather event.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.

Thank you,  
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