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Statement regarding draft changes to R. 61-12

As a result of comments received during the current public comment period, we realized there were two errors in the language of the existing draft revision to R. 61-12, Standards for Licensing Abortion Clinics. The proposed change regarding including a record of the husband's consent in the medical file was included in error, as consent is only required during the third trimester by state law. It should be noted that facilities subject to this regulation can only perform procedures up to 18 weeks. Additionally, the language regarding STD testing was supposed to be carried forward as a continued recommendation not a requirement. The proposed changes to the regulation were meant only to better conform to the recommendations by the S.C. House Legislative Audit Council and the S.C. House Legislative Oversight Committee, as well as to conform to recent statutory changes that were passed during the last legislative session. We apologize for any confusion or concern these errors may have caused and are correcting the language in the current draft, which will be reviewed again by stakeholders tomorrow.

On Sept. 23, 2016, we published the proposed draft changes to the regulation for public comment. Members of the public can submit their comments on the draft amendment to Gwen Thompson by mail at DHEC Bureau of Health Facilities Licensing, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201, or by email at [HealthRegComm@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:HealthRegComm@dhec.sc.gov). Comments may also be submitted electronically here: <http://www.scdhec.gov/Agency/RegulationsAndUpdates/PublicComments/>.

The public comment period closes at 5 p.m. on Oct. 24, 2016.

After the public comment period closes, DHEC Health Licensing staff will review the feedback and make additional changes to the draft before submitting it to the DHEC Board for review and a public hearing (likely in December). Following the DHEC Board public hearing, the recommendations would be referred to the South Carolina General Assembly for consideration.