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Chapter 61@ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

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Subchapter 61-17@ STANDARDS FOR LICENSING NURSING HOMES

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A.

An architect and/or engineer registered in South Carolina shall prepare the plans and specifications. Unless directed otherwise by the Department, plans shall be submitted at the schematic, design development, and final stages. All plans shall be drawn to scale. Any construction changes from the approved documents shall be approved by the Department. Construction work shall not commence until the Department receives a plan approval. During construction, the Owner shall employ a registered architect and/or engineer for observation. Upon approval of the Department, construction administration may be performed by an entity other than the architect. The Department shall conduct periodic inspections throughout each project.

B.

Plans and specifications shall be submitted to the Department for new construction and for a project that has an effect on: 1. The function of a space; 2. The accessibility to or of an area; 3. The structural integrity of the facility; 4. The active and/or passive fire safety systems (including kitchen equipment such as exhaust hoods or equipment required to be under an exhaust hood); 5. Doors; 6. Walls; 7. Ceiling system assemblies; 8. Exit corridors; 9. Life safety systems; or 10. Increase in occupant load or licensed capacity of the facility.

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C.

All subsequent addenda, change orders, field orders, and documents altering the Department review must be submitted. Any substantial deviation from the accepted documents shall require written notification, review and re-approval from the Department.

D.

Cosmetic changes utilizing paint, wall covering, floor covering, or other, that are required to have a flame-spread rating or other safety criteria shall be documented with copies of the documentation and certifications kept on file at the facility and made available to the Department.

E.

A facility with construction work in violation of codes or standards shall be brought into compliance with applicable codes and standards.