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Division of Public Health
417 Federal Street
Dover, DE 19901

RE: 27 DE Reg. 567 [DHSS/DPH Proposed Stroke System Regulation (February 1, 2024)]

To Whom It May Concern:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the Delaware Health and Social Services (DHSS)/Division of Public Health (DPH) proposal to establish and outline the operation of a Stroke System. The regulation establishes a comprehensive framework to accomplish its stated purpose. Which is "to ensure that every person who may be experiencing a stroke in Delaware receives the same high-quality care, thus decreasing morbidity and mortality from strokes." (1.0). Council **supports** the proposed regulations.

Council understands that the Stroke System Performance Improvement Plan is subject to a biennial review by the Division of Public Health and the Stroke System Quality Evaluation Committee. Council would therefore ask that the biennial reviews conducted by the Division be posted on its website in order to allow the GACEC and other interested parties the opportunity to see what progress is being made in the care and treatment of stroke patients in Delaware.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our support and recommendation. Please feel free to contact Pam Weir or me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ann C Fisher

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Chairperson

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