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Rescission of Xylazine-Positive Laboratory Result Reporting

Summary

- On Oct. 25, 2023, L. Brannon Traxler, MD, MPH, as the Director of Public Health, issued Public Health Order No. 2023-10-25, requiring reporting to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (hereinafter “DHEC”) of laboratory-confirmed Xylazine positive test results and any associated metabolites by all physicians and health care practitioners, all health care institutions, facilities and providers, all designated reporting coordinators, and all laboratories in or out of South Carolina and who test specimens from patients who reside in the state.
- Pursuant to 2023 Act No. 60, as of July 1, 2024, DHEC was abolished, and the South Carolina Department of Public Health (hereinafter “DPH”) was created. Through Act 60, most of DHEC’s health-related programs, services, duties, and authorities were transferred to DPH.
- DPH has determined that the reporting of laboratory-confirmed Xylazine positive test results and any associated metabolites is no longer necessary. **Therefore, DPH rescinded Public Health Order No. 2023-10-25 effective June 27, 2024.**

Resources for Additional Information:

Reference to Public Health Order 2023-10-25 is accessible at <https://dph.sc.gov/diseases-conditions/substance-use-prevention-resources/xylazine-public-health-order>.

DPH contact information

For questions regarding the rescission of Public Health Order No. 2023-10-25, please contact DISAPReporting@dph.sc.gov.

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