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USC/ Greenville Hospital System Medical Education Expansion

The South Carolina Commission on Higher Education (CHE) announced at its November 4 meeting that the Commission will review as a new program the proposed expansion of the University of South Carolina's medical education program in collaboration with the Greenville Hospital System. CHE has statutory authority to approve or deny new academic programs offered by public institutions.

CHE is working with the University to develop a plan and schedule for the review. Given the complexity of the topic and its importance to the state, the process will be longer and more detailed than usual. One issue to be worked out is synchronizing CHE's review with that of the medical education accrediting body, the Liaison Committee for Medical Education (LCME). Given that LCME has deep resources as well as extensive experience in the evaluation of curriculum, faculty, and related matters, CHE will defer on those topics and focus its evaluation on the questions of need/unnecessary duplication and the potential to impact state funding.

Questions may be directed to CHE Executive Director Garrison Walters (gwalters@che.sc.gov).