

HB 2518 -- HOSPITAL EMERGENCY CARE DATA COLLECTION

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This bill changes the laws regarding stroke center designation for hospitals by adding an alternative process for hospitals to obtain a stroke center designation. If a hospital applies for stroke center designation using the alternative process the Department of Health and Senior Services must designate the hospital using the following guidelines:

(1) A level I stroke center if such hospital has been certified as a comprehensive stroke center by the Joint Commission or any other certifying organization designated by the department if such certification is in accordance with the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association guidelines;

(2) A level II stroke center if such hospital has been certified as a primary stroke center by the Joint Commission or any other certifying organization designated by the department if such certification is in accordance with the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association guidelines; or

(3) A level III stroke center if such hospital has been certified as an acute stroke-ready hospital by the Joint Commission or any other certifying organization designated by the department if such certification is in accordance with the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association guidelines.

The department is permitted to remove a hospital's designation as a stroke center if the hospital requests removal of the designation or the department determines that the certificate recognizing the hospital as a stroke center has been suspended or revoked. The bill requires the department to report to the certifying organization any complaint it receives related to the certification of a stroke center designated under these provisions and must also advise the complainant of which organization certified the stroke center and provide the necessary contact information should the complainant wish to pursue a complaint with the certifying organization. The bill specifies additional requirements for any hospital receiving designation as a stroke center under these provisions.

All hospitals designated as a STEMI or stroke center by the department must submit data to meet the data submission requirements specified by rules promulgated by the department. The submission of data may be done using methods specified in the bill and when collecting and analyzing data under the provisions of the bill, the department must comply with specified requirements.

The bill requires the department to use patient abstract data, the trauma registry, motor vehicle crash and outcome data, and other publicly available data sources to provide information and create reports for the purpose of data analysis and needs assessment of traumatic brain and spinal cord injured persons.