

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to cardiovascular disease; creating the  
3           Florida Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke;  
4           providing definitions; providing for the appointment of  
5           members; providing terms of membership; providing  
6           requirements for voting and a quorum; providing for  
7           quarterly meetings; requiring the Department of Health to  
8           provide administrative support; providing for  
9           reimbursement of per diem and travel expenses; providing  
10          powers and duties of the council; requiring the council to  
11          submit written recommendations to the department, the  
12          Governor, and the Legislature by a specified date;  
13          requiring the council to report on its activities and  
14          accounting of funds to the Governor and the Legislature;  
15          requiring the council to review available clinical  
16          resources and develop a database of recommendations for  
17          care and treatment of patients having cardiovascular  
18          disease or patients at the risk of or who have suffered  
19          from a stroke; requiring the council to make this database  
20          available to the public; requiring the council to collect  
21          and analyze information related to cardiovascular disease  
22          and stroke from different agencies and organizations and  
23          create and maintain a database of the information;  
24          providing requirements for the database; authorizing the  
25          council to use information from other sources; providing  
26          an effective date.

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28   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Florida Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke.--

(1) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Cardiovascular disease" means the group of diseases that involve the heart and blood vessels and that are the result of complex interactions between multiple inherited traits and environmental factors.

(b) "Council" means the Florida Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke.

(c) "Managed care entity" means a health maintenance organization or a prepaid health clinic certified under chapter 641, a prepaid health plan authorized under s. 409.912, Florida Statutes, or an exclusive provider organization certified under s. 627.6472, Florida Statutes.

(2) APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL; TERMS OF MEMBERS.--

(a) The Florida Council on Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke is composed of 13 members, including a chairperson, who shall be appointed by the Governor and who are subject to confirmation by the Senate, as follows:

1. A licensed physician whose area of specialization is cardiology;

2. A licensed physician whose area of specialization is neurology to treat stroke;

3. A licensed physician who is employed in a primary care setting;

4. A licensed physician whose area of specialization is emergency medicine and who serves as an emergency services

57 medical director.

58 5. A registered nurse whose area of specialization is  
59 quality improvement practices for cardiovascular disease and  
60 stroke;

61 6. A registered and licensed dietitian;

62 7. A pharmacist who is licensed in this state;

63 8. Two persons who have experience and training in public  
64 health policy, research, or practice;

65 9. Two consumer members, with special consideration given  
66 to persons who are active participants in the Florida affiliates  
67 of the American Heart Association or American Stroke Association  
68 and who work in a managed care entity or in a hospital or  
69 rehabilitation setting; and

70 10. Two members of the public who provide care for persons  
71 who have cardiovascular disease or are at risk of a stroke or  
72 who have suffered from cardiovascular disease or stroke.

73 (b) In appointing members under paragraph (a), the  
74 Governor shall attempt to appoint female members and members of  
75 different minority groups, including African Americans, Hispanic  
76 Americans, Native Americans, and Asian Americans. The Governor  
77 shall fill any vacancies for the remainder of the unexpired term  
78 in the same manner as the original appointment.

79 (c) Members of the council shall be appointed to staggered  
80 4-year terms, with the terms of three or four of the members  
81 expiring February 1 of each odd-numbered year.

82 (d) A majority of the members of the council constitutes a  
83 quorum, and an affirmative vote of a majority of the members is  
84 necessary to take action.

85 (e) The council shall meet quarterly or at the call of the  
 86 chairperson.

87 (f) The Department of Health shall provide staff and  
 88 administrative support for the council.

89 (g) Members of the council shall serve without  
 90 compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for travel and  
 91 per diem expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in  
 92 accordance with s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

93 (3) POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL.--

94 (a) The council shall develop an effective and resource-  
 95 efficient plan to reduce the morbidity, mortality, and economic  
 96 burden of cardiovascular disease and stroke in this state. The  
 97 council shall:

98 1. Conduct health education, public awareness, and  
 99 community outreach activities that relate to primary and  
 100 secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease and stroke;

101 2. Promote, enhance, and coordinate health education,  
 102 public awareness, and community outreach activities that relate  
 103 to primary and secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease  
 104 and stroke and that are provided by private and other public  
 105 organizations;

106 3. Coordinate activities with other entities that are  
 107 concerned with medical conditions that are similar to  
 108 cardiovascular disease and stroke or that have similar risk  
 109 factors;

110 4. Identify for health care providers, employers, schools,  
 111 community health centers, and other groups the benefits of  
 112 encouraging treatment and primary and secondary prevention,

113 promote public awareness of cardiovascular disease and stroke,  
 114 and recognize innovative and effective programs that achieve the  
 115 objectives of improved treatment, prevention, and public  
 116 awareness;

117 5. Provide guidance regarding the roles and  
 118 responsibilities of government agencies, health care providers,  
 119 employers, third-party payers, patients, and families of  
 120 patients in the treatment, primary and secondary prevention, and  
 121 public awareness of cardiovascular disease and stroke;

122 6. Improve access to treatment for and primary and  
 123 secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease and stroke  
 124 through public awareness programs, including access for  
 125 uninsured individuals and individuals living in rural or  
 126 underserved areas;

127 7. Assist communities in developing comprehensive local  
 128 programs for the prevention of cardiovascular disease and  
 129 stroke;

130 8. Assist the Department of Education and local school  
 131 districts in promoting a public school curriculum that includes  
 132 physical, nutritional, and health education relating to the  
 133 prevention of cardiovascular disease and stroke;

134 9. Establish appropriate forums, programs, or initiatives  
 135 that are designed to educate the public regarding the effect of  
 136 heart disease and stroke on women's health, with an emphasis on  
 137 preventive health and healthy lifestyles;

138 10. Evaluate and enhance the implementation and  
 139 effectiveness of the program developed under this section; and

140 11. Advise the Legislature on legislation that is needed

141 to develop further and maintain a statewide system of quality  
 142 education services for all persons who have cardiovascular  
 143 disease or who have suffered from or are at risk for stroke. The  
 144 council may develop and submit legislation to the Legislature or  
 145 comment on pending legislation that affects persons who have  
 146 cardiovascular disease or who have suffered from or are at risk  
 147 for stroke.

148 (b) By January 15, 2010, the council shall make written  
 149 recommendations for performing its duties under this section to  
 150 the Department of Health, the Governor, the President of the  
 151 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

152 (c) By January 15, 2011, and each January 15 thereafter,  
 153 the council shall report to the Governor, the President of the  
 154 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the  
 155 activities of the council, accounting for all funds received and  
 156 disbursed by or for the council during the preceding fiscal  
 157 year.

158 (4) DATABASE OF CLINICAL RESOURCES.--The council shall  
 159 review available clinical resources and shall develop a database  
 160 of recommendations for appropriate care and treatment of  
 161 patients who have cardiovascular disease or patients who have  
 162 suffered from or are at risk for stroke. The council shall make  
 163 the database accessible to the public.

164 (5) CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE AND STROKE DATABASE.--

165 (a) The council shall collect and analyze information  
 166 related to cardiovascular disease and stroke at the state level  
 167 and regional level and, to the extent feasible, at the local  
 168 level. The council shall obtain the information from federal and

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169 state agencies and from private and public organizations. The  
170 council shall maintain a database of this information. The  
171 database shall include, but need not be limited to:

172 1. Information related to behavioral risk factors  
173 identified for cardiovascular disease and stroke;

174 2. Morbidity and mortality rates for cardiovascular  
175 disease and stroke; and

176 3. Community indicators relevant to cardiovascular disease  
177 and stroke.

178 (b) In compiling the database, the council may use  
179 information available from other sources, such as the Behavioral  
180 Risk Factor Surveillance System established by the Centers for  
181 Disease Control and Prevention, reports of data from hospital  
182 discharges, and information included in death certificates.

183 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.