

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to stroke centers; amending s.
 3 395.3038, F.S.; directing the Agency for Health Care
 4 Administration to include hospitals that meet the
 5 criteria for acute stroke ready centers on a list of
 6 stroke centers; creating s. 395.30381, F.S.; requiring
 7 stroke centers to provide certain information to the
 8 Department of Health; requiring the department to
 9 establish a statewide stroke registry; providing
 10 immunity from liability under certain circumstances;
 11 requiring the department to develop electronic
 12 reporting forms and post such forms on its website;
 13 authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s.
 14 395.3041, F.S.; conforming a provision and deleting
 15 obsolete dates; providing an effective date.

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

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 19 Section 1. Section 395.3038, Florida Statutes, is amended
 20 to read:

21 395.3038 State-listed ~~primary stroke centers and~~
 22 ~~comprehensive~~ stroke centers; notification of hospitals.—

23 (1) The agency shall make available on its website and to
 24 the department a list of the name and address of each hospital
 25 that meets the criteria for an acute stroke ready center, a

26 | primary stroke center, or ~~and the name and address of each~~
27 | ~~hospital that meets the criteria for~~ a comprehensive stroke
28 | center. The list of ~~primary and comprehensive~~ stroke centers
29 | must include only those hospitals that attest in an affidavit
30 | submitted to the agency that the hospital meets the named
31 | criteria, or those hospitals that attest in an affidavit
32 | submitted to the agency that the hospital is certified as an
33 | acute stroke ready center, a primary stroke center, or a
34 | comprehensive stroke center by a nationally recognized ~~an~~
35 | accrediting organization.

36 | (2) (a) If a hospital no longer chooses to meet the
37 | criteria for an acute stroke ready center, a primary stroke
38 | center, or a comprehensive stroke center, the hospital shall
39 | notify the agency and the agency shall immediately remove the
40 | hospital from the list of stroke centers.

41 | (b)1. This subsection does not apply if the hospital is
42 | unable to provide stroke treatment services for a period of time
43 | not to exceed 2 months. The hospital shall immediately notify
44 | all local emergency medical services providers when the
45 | temporary unavailability of stroke treatment services begins and
46 | when the services resume.

47 | 2. If stroke treatment services are unavailable for more
48 | than 2 months, the agency shall remove the hospital from the
49 | list of ~~primary or comprehensive~~ stroke centers until the
50 | hospital notifies the agency that stroke treatment services have

51 | been resumed.

52 | (3) The agency shall adopt by rule criteria for an acute
53 | stroke ready center, a primary stroke center, and a
54 | comprehensive stroke center which are substantially similar to
55 | the certification standards for the same categories of primary
56 | stroke centers of a nationally recognized accrediting
57 | organization ~~the Joint Commission~~.

58 | ~~(4) The agency shall adopt by rule criteria for a~~
59 | ~~comprehensive stroke center. However, if the Joint Commission~~
60 | ~~establishes criteria for a comprehensive stroke center, agency~~
61 | ~~rules shall be substantially similar.~~

62 | (4)-(5) This act is not a medical practice guideline and
63 | may not be used to restrict the authority of a hospital to
64 | provide services for which it is licensed under chapter 395. The
65 | Legislature intends that all patients be treated individually
66 | based on each patient's needs and circumstances.

67 | Section 2. Section 395.30381, Florida Statutes, is created
68 | to read:

69 | 395.30381 Statewide stroke registry.-

70 | (1) Each acute ready stroke center, primary stroke center,
71 | and comprehensive stroke center shall report to the department
72 | information specified in department rule, including, but not
73 | limited to, demographic information, stroke severity
74 | assessments, diagnostic and examination results, time from
75 | symptom onset to hospital arrival, in-hospital treatments and

76 events, mortality, and discharge destination for each stroke
77 patient treated by a stroke center.

78 (2) The department shall contract with a recognized
79 medical organization in this state and its affiliated
80 institutions to establish and maintain a statewide stroke
81 registry. The medical organization shall maintain and make
82 available the reports required under this section for use in the
83 course of any study for the purpose of reducing morbidity or
84 mortality or improving the stroke care system. Such reports
85 shall be used to evaluate stroke care system effectiveness,
86 monitor patient outcomes, and improve or modify the stroke care
87 system.

88 (3) No liability of any kind or character for damages or
89 other relief shall arise or be enforced against any acute ready
90 stroke center, primary stroke center, or comprehensive stroke
91 center by reason of having provided such information to the
92 department.

93 (4) The department shall develop electronic forms for each
94 acute ready stroke center, primary stroke center, and
95 comprehensive stroke center to report required information to
96 the registry. The department must post these forms on its
97 website.

98 (5) The department may adopt rules to administer this
99 section.

100 Section 3. Subsections (1), (2), and (4) of section

101 395.3041, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

102 395.3041 Emergency medical services providers; triage and
103 transportation of stroke victims to a stroke center.-

104 (1) By June 1 of each year, the department shall send the
105 list of acute stroke ready centers, primary stroke centers, and
106 comprehensive stroke centers to the medical director of each
107 licensed emergency medical services provider in this state.

108 (2) The department shall develop a sample stroke-triage
109 assessment tool. The department must post this sample assessment
110 tool on its website and provide a copy of the assessment tool to
111 each licensed emergency medical services provider ~~no later than~~
112 ~~June 1, 2005~~. Each licensed emergency medical services provider
113 must use a stroke-triage assessment tool that is substantially
114 similar to the sample stroke-triage assessment tool provided by
115 the department.

116 (4) Each emergency medical services provider licensed
117 under chapter 401 must comply with all sections of this act ~~by~~
118 ~~July 1, 2005~~.

119 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.