

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; authorizing the department to
9 establish a statewide stroke registry; requiring the
10 department to contract with a private entity to
11 establish and maintain a stroke registry, subject to
12 an appropriation; providing immunity from liability
13 under certain circumstances; authorizing the
14 department to develop electronic reporting forms and
15 post such forms on its website; authorizing the
16 department to adopt rules; amending s. 395.3041, F.S.;
17 conforming a provision and deleting obsolete dates;
18 providing an effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. Section 395.3038, Florida Statutes, is amended
23 to read:

24 395.3038 State-listed ~~primary stroke centers and~~
25 ~~comprehensive~~ stroke centers; notification of hospitals.-

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

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

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

50 2. If stroke treatment services are unavailable for more

51 | than 2 months, the agency shall remove the hospital from the
 52 | list of ~~primary or comprehensive~~ stroke centers until the
 53 | hospital notifies the agency that stroke treatment services have
 54 | been resumed.

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

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

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

70 | Section 2. Section 395.30381, Florida Statutes, is created
 71 | to read:

72 | 395.30381 Statewide stroke registry.-

73 | (1) Each acute ready stroke center, primary stroke center,
 74 | and comprehensive stroke center shall report to the department
 75 | information specified in department rule, including, but not

76 limited to, demographic information, stroke severity
77 assessments, diagnostic and examination results, time from
78 symptom onset to hospital arrival, in-hospital treatments and
79 events, mortality, and discharge destination for each stroke
80 patient treated by a stroke center.

81 (2) The department may establish a statewide stroke
82 registry to ensure that patient care quality assurance
83 proceedings, records, and reports required to be submitted under
84 subsection (1) are maintained and available for use to improve
85 or modify the stroke care system, ensure compliance with
86 standards, and monitor stroke patient outcomes. Subject to a
87 specific appropriation for this purpose, the department shall
88 contract with a private entity to establish and maintain a
89 stroke registry.

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

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

100 (5) The department may adopt rules to administer this

101 section.

102 Section 3. Subsections (1), (2), and (4) of section
103 395.3041, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

104 395.3041 Emergency medical services providers; triage and
105 transportation of stroke victims to a stroke center.—

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

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

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

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