

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 thrombectomy-capable stroke centers on a  
6           list of stroke centers; amending s. 395.30381, F.S.;  
7           requiring thrombectomy-capable stroke centers to  
8           provide certain information to the statewide stroke  
9           registry; providing an effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. Subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection  
14           (2), and subsection (3) of section 395.3038, Florida Statutes,  
15           are amended to read:

16           395.3038   State-listed stroke centers; notification of  
17           hospitals.—

18           (1) The agency shall make available on its website and to  
19           the department a list of the name and address of each hospital  
20           that meets the criteria for an acute stroke ready center, a  
21           primary stroke center, a thrombectomy-capable stroke center, or  
22           a comprehensive stroke center. The list of stroke centers must  
23           include only those hospitals that attest ~~in an affidavit~~  
24           ~~submitted~~ to the agency on a form adopted by agency rule that  
25           the hospital meets the named criteria, or those hospitals that

26 | attest ~~in an affidavit submitted~~ to the agency in a form adopted  
27 | by agency rule that the hospital is certified as an acute stroke  
28 | ready center, a primary stroke center, a thrombectomy-capable  
29 | stroke center, or a comprehensive stroke center by a nationally  
30 | recognized accrediting organization.

31 |       (2) (a) If a hospital no longer chooses to meet the  
32 | criteria for an acute stroke ready center, a primary stroke  
33 | center, a thrombectomy-capable stroke center, or a comprehensive  
34 | stroke center, the hospital shall notify the agency and the  
35 | agency shall immediately remove the hospital from the list of  
36 | stroke centers.

37 |       (3) The agency shall adopt by rule criteria for an acute  
38 | stroke ready center, a primary stroke center, a thrombectomy-  
39 | capable stroke center, and a comprehensive stroke center which  
40 | are substantially similar to the certification standards for the  
41 | same categories of stroke centers of a nationally recognized  
42 | accrediting organization.

43 |       Section 2. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 395.30381,  
44 | Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

45 |       395.30381 Statewide stroke registry.—

46 |       (2) Each acute stroke ready center, primary stroke center,  
47 | thrombectomy-capable stroke center, and comprehensive stroke  
48 | center shall regularly report to the statewide stroke registry  
49 | information specified by the department, including nationally  
50 | recognized stroke performance measures.

51 (4) No liability of any kind or character for damages or  
52 other relief shall arise or be enforced against any acute stroke  
53 ready center, primary stroke center, thrombectomy-capable stroke  
54 center, or comprehensive stroke center by reason of having  
55 provided such information to the statewide stroke registry.

56 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.