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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to stroke-related care including the
2 designation of comprehensive and primary stroke centers
3 and acute stroke-ready hospitals, and stroke transport
4 protocols.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.192 Designation of stroke
2 centers and acute stroke-ready hospitals.

3 1. The department shall recognize as an acute stroke-ready
4 hospital, an accredited acute care hospital that applies for
5 and receives certification as an acute stroke-ready hospital
6 from the American heart association, the joint commission on
7 the accreditation of health care organizations, or another
8 certifying entity that is a department-approved, nationally
9 recognized guidelines-based organization that provides acute
10 stroke-ready hospital certification for stroke care, if the
11 accredited acute care hospital is in good standing with and
12 maintains certification through such a national certifying
13 organization.

14 2. The department shall recognize as a primary stroke
15 center, an accredited acute care hospital that applies for
16 and receives certification as a primary stroke center from
17 the American heart association, the joint commission on
18 the accreditation of health care organizations, or another
19 certifying entity that is a department-approved, nationally
20 recognized guidelines-based organization that provides primary
21 stroke center hospital certification for stroke care, if the
22 accredited acute care hospital is in good standing with and
23 maintains certification through such a national certifying
24 organization.

25 3. The department shall recognize as a comprehensive stroke
26 center, an accredited acute care hospital that applies for
27 and receives certification as a comprehensive stroke center
28 from the American heart association, the joint commission on
29 the accreditation of health care organizations, or another
30 certifying entity that is a department-approved, nationally
31 recognized guidelines-based organization that provides
32 comprehensive stroke center hospital certification for stroke
33 care, if the accredited acute care hospital is in good standing
34 with and maintains certification through such a national
35 certifying organization.

1 4. The department shall appropriately recognize
2 comprehensive and primary stroke centers that attain a
3 level of stroke care distinction from the American heart
4 association, the joint commission on the accreditation of
5 health care organizations, or another certifying entity that is
6 a department-approved, nationally recognized guidelines-based
7 organization, including but not limited to those attaining
8 a level of stroke care distinction for offering mechanical
9 endovascular therapies.

10 5. The department shall not recognize self-designation
11 by a hospital as an indicator of certification at any level
12 specified under this section.

13 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 135.193 **Stroke triage and transport**
14 **protocols.**

15 A regional emergency medical services program or ambulance
16 service authorized under chapter 147A shall develop and
17 utilize stroke triage and transport protocols. Such protocols
18 shall include but are not limited to the development and
19 implementation of plans for the triage and transport of acute
20 stroke patients, including, relative to patients with suspected
21 large vessel occlusion strokes, entry plans and transport
22 to the most appropriate certified facility that provides
23 mechanical endovascular therapies. The department shall adopt
24 rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer this section.

25 EXPLANATION

26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 This bill relates to stroke-related care.

29 The bill requires recognition by the department of public
30 health (DPH) of acute stroke-ready hospitals, primary
31 stroke centers and comprehensive stroke centers, based upon
32 accreditation by a nationally recognized entity for the
33 applicable level of certification, if the accredited acute care
34 hospital is in good standing with and maintains certification
35 through such a national certifying entity.

1 The bill also requires DPH to appropriately recognize
2 comprehensive and primary stroke centers that attain a
3 level of stroke care distinction from specified national
4 accrediting entities, including but not limited to those
5 attaining a level of stroke care distinction for offering
6 mechanical endovascular therapies. The bill prohibits DPH from
7 recognizing self-designation by a hospital as an indicator of
8 certification at any level specified under the bill.

9 The bill also requires an authorized regional emergency
10 medical services program or ambulance service to develop and
11 utilize stroke triage and transport protocols. The protocols
12 are required to include but are not limited to the development
13 and implementation of plans for the triage and transport of
14 acute stroke patients, including, relative to patients with
15 suspected large vessel occlusion strokes, entry plans and
16 transport to the most appropriate certified facility that
17 provides mechanical endovascular therapies. DPH is required to
18 adopt administrative rules to administer this requirement.