

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; amending s. 395.3041, F.S.; requiring the  
 10          Department of Health to send a list of thrombectomy-  
 11          capable stroke centers to licensed emergency medical  
 12          services providers; providing an effective date.

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

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 16           Section 1. Subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection  
 17           (2), and subsection (3) of section 395.3038, Florida Statutes,  
 18           are amended to read:

19           395.3038   State-listed stroke centers; notification of  
 20           hospitals.—

21           (1) The agency shall make available on its website and to  
 22           the department a list of the name and address of each hospital  
 23           that meets the criteria for an acute stroke ready center, a  
 24           primary stroke center, a thrombectomy-capable stroke center, or  
 25           a comprehensive stroke center. The list of stroke centers must

26 | include only those hospitals that attest ~~in an affidavit~~  
27 | ~~submitted~~ to the agency on a form adopted by agency rule that  
28 | the hospital meets the named criteria, or those hospitals that  
29 | attest ~~in an affidavit submitted~~ to the agency in a form adopted  
30 | by agency rule that the hospital is certified as an acute stroke  
31 | ready center, a primary stroke center, a thrombectomy-capable  
32 | stroke center, or a comprehensive stroke center by a nationally  
33 | recognized accrediting organization.

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

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

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

48 | 395.30381 Statewide stroke registry.—

49 | (2) Each acute stroke ready center, primary stroke center,  
50 | thrombectomy-capable stroke center, and comprehensive stroke

51 center shall regularly report to the statewide stroke registry  
52 information specified by the department, including nationally  
53 recognized stroke performance measures.

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

59 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 395.3041, Florida  
60 Statutes, is amended to read:

61 395.3041 Emergency medical services providers; triage and  
62 transportation of stroke victims to a stroke center.—

63 (1) By June 1 of each year, the department shall send the  
64 list of acute stroke ready centers, primary stroke centers,  
65 thrombectomy-capable stroke centers, and comprehensive stroke  
66 centers to the medical director of each licensed emergency  
67 medical services provider in this state.

68 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.