## AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CERTIFICATION OF HOSPITALS AS PRIMARY STROKE CENTERS, COMPREHENSIVE STROKE CENTERS OR ACUTE STROKE CAPABLE CENTERS; PROVIDING FOR RULEMAKING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public Health Act is enacted to read:

"PRIMARY STROKE CENTERS--COMPREHENSIVE STROKE CENTERS--ACUTE STROKE CAPABLE CENTERS--DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION--RULEMAKING.--

A. In accordance with department rules, the department shall certify any acute care hospital as a primary stroke center, comprehensive stroke center or acute stroke capable center if that hospital has been accredited as a primary stroke center, comprehensive stroke center or acute stroke capable center by the joint commission. The department shall post information regarding certification on the department's web site. If a hospital loses joint commission certification as a primary stroke center, comprehensive stroke center or acute stroke capable center, the secretary shall also remove that hospital's certification.

B. The secretary may adopt rules to assist and

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acute stroke patients."	HHGAC/HB	33
throughout the state to provide appropriate access to care for		
stroke care agreements with other health care facilities		
encourage primary stroke centers to enter into coordinated		