

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

February 22, 2024

2 **AS AMENDED**

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1867

By: Thompson (Kristen) of the  
Senate

4 and

5 Stinson of the House  
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9 **[ acute coronary syndrome (ACS) - hospital  
10 designation system - information - list - protocols -  
11 training - codification - effective date ]**

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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2531.1 of Title 63, unless  
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. For the purpose of promoting and coordinating an improved  
18 model of emergency care for acute coronary syndrome (ACS) patients,  
19 the State Department of Health shall establish a system of hospital  
20 designations as provided by this section.

21 B. The Department shall designate hospitals licensed by the  
22 Department that meet the qualifications established in this  
23 subsection according to the designation levels established herein.  
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1           1. A hospital that meets one or more of the following criteria  
2 shall be designated as a Level 1 Heart Attack Center:

- 3           a. Comprehensive Heart Attack Center certification issued  
4                 by the Joint Commission and the American Heart  
5                 Association,
- 6           b. Chest Pain Center with Primary Percutaneous Coronary  
7                 Intervention (PCI) and Resuscitation Accreditation  
8                 issued by the American College of Cardiology, or
- 9           c. substantially equivalent qualifications as determined  
10                by the State Commissioner of Health.

11           2. A hospital that meets one or more of the following criteria  
12 shall be designated as a Level 2 Heart Attack Center:

- 13           a. Primary Heart Attack Center certification issued by  
14                 the Joint Commission and the American Heart  
15                 Association,
- 16           b. Chest Pain Center with Primary PCI Accreditation  
17                 issued by the American College of Cardiology, or
- 18           c. substantially equivalent qualifications as determined  
19                 by the Commissioner.

20           3. A hospital that meets one or more of the following criteria  
21 shall be designated as a Level 3 Heart Attack Center:

- 22           a. Acute Heart Attack Ready certification issued by the  
23                 Joint Commission and the American Heart Association,

1           b. Chest Pain Center Accreditation issued by the American  
2           College of Cardiology, or

3           c. substantially equivalent qualifications as determined  
4           by the Commissioner.

5           C. 1. Designation as a heart attack center under this section  
6 shall be automatic, and a hospital shall not be required to apply or  
7 reapply for such designation. The Department shall access publicly  
8 available information on certification, accreditation, or other  
9 qualifications from, and may obtain additional information as  
10 necessary from, the Joint Commission, the American Heart  
11 Association, the American College of Cardiology, or any other  
12 appropriate entity to discern qualifications of hospitals for the  
13 designations established under this section.

14           2. The Department shall update designations not less than  
15 annually. The Department shall access the information described in  
16 paragraph 1 of this subsection and shall:

17           a. designate all hospitals that currently meet the  
18           applicable qualifications, and

19           b. remove designation of hospitals that no longer meet  
20           the qualifications.

21           D. 1. The Department shall establish and maintain a  
22 categorized list of hospitals designated as heart attack centers  
23 under this section. The Department shall publish the list on its  
24 Internet website.

1           2. Not less than annually, the Department shall, for the  
2 purpose of implementing Section 2 of this act, send the list to the  
3 medical director of each ambulance service licensed by the  
4 Department and each regional medical director of an emergency  
5 medical services region.

6           SECTION 2.           NEW LAW           A new section of law to be codified  
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2531.2 of Title 63, unless  
8 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9           A. All ambulance authorities in this state shall establish pre-  
10 hospital care protocols related to the assessment, treatment,  
11 transport, and routing of acute coronary syndrome (ACS) patients by  
12 ambulance services licensed by the State Department of Health.

13           B. Such protocols shall take into account the heart attack  
14 center designations for hospitals established under Section 1 of  
15 this act. Routing protocols for triage and transport of ACS  
16 patients or other time-sensitive cardiac patients shall include the  
17 distance to the nearest designated heart attack center appropriate  
18 for the condition of the patient.

19           C. All ambulance authorities in this state shall establish, as  
20 part of current training requirements, protocols to assure that  
21 licensed ambulance services receive training on the assessment,  
22 triage, and treatment of ACS patients. Training shall include the  
23 use of an ACS screening instrument including, but not limited to, an  
24 electrocardiogram and other cardiac life-saving equipment.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

2 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
3 February 22, 2024 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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