

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 714

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to stroke prevention; amending 63  
8 O.S. 2011, Section 1-270, which relates to the  
9 statewide system of care for stroke; removing certain  
10 requirement for establishment; permitting State  
11 Commissioner of Health to include certain  
12 recommendations; broadening scope of issues to be  
13 addressed by statewide system; directing certain  
14 entities to establish certain protocols; providing  
15 standards for protocols; directing promulgation of  
16 rules; and providing an effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-270, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 1-270. A. ~~As funding permits, the~~ The State Department  
21 of Health shall establish a statewide coordinated system of care for  
22 stroke, which shall include special focus and attention on timely  
23 access to care, diagnosis, and the most advanced treatment for  
24 persons most disproportionately affected by stroke. Such system  
shall include, but shall not be limited to:

25 1. Recommendations from the Oklahoma Hospital Advisory Council  
26 and other appropriate advisory councils at the discretion of the  
27 State Commissioner of Health;

1 2. Partnerships with relevant associations;

2 3. Measures to raise awareness about the effects of risk  
3 factors for stroke, such as uncontrolled high blood pressure,  
4 tobacco use, and diabetes; and

5 4. Promotion of adherence to primary and secondary stroke  
6 recognition, and prevention guidelines by health care professionals,  
7 including emergency medical services providers, such as emergency  
8 medical responders and transport providers, and hospital emergency  
9 room and health clinic personnel.

10 B. The Division of Emergency Medical Services and all local and  
11 regional emergency medical services authorities statewide shall  
12 establish and follow pre-hospital care protocols related to the  
13 assessment, treatment, and transport of stroke patients by certified  
14 emergency medical responders. Such protocols shall include, at a  
15 minimum, plans for the triage and transport of acute stroke  
16 patients, within a specified timeframe of onset of symptoms.

17 C. The State Board of Health shall promulgate rules as  
18 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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