

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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INTRODUCED BY VOGEL, SANTARSIERO, HUGHES, KANE, BARTOLOTTA, SCHWANK, BAKER, STEFANO, FARRY, ROBINSON, AUMENT, COLLETT AND CULVER, JUNE 26, 2023

SENATOR BROOKS, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 24, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 29, 2012 (P.L.549, No.54), entitled "An
2 act establishing a Statewide stroke system of care by
3 recognizing primary stroke centers and directing the creation
4 of emergency medical services training and transport
5 protocols; and providing for the powers and duties of the
6 Department of Health," providing for Statewide stroke
7 registry.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of May 29, 2012 (P.L.549, No.54), known
11 as the Stroke System of Care Act, is amended by adding a section
12 to read:

13 Section 5.1. Statewide stroke registry.

14 (a) Registry formation.--The department shall maintain and
15 operate a Statewide stroke registry using the American Heart
16 Association's stroke care program's data set platform in effect
17 as of the effective date of this subsection and include
18 information and data on stroke care in this Commonwealth that
19 align with the stroke consensus metrics developed and approved

1 by the American Heart Association in effect as of the effective
2 date of this subsection.

3 (b) Data submission.--On and after January 1, 2024, each
4 comprehensive stroke center, thrombectomy-capable stroke center,
5 primary stroke center and acute stroke-ready hospital shall, on
6 a ~~quarterly~~ BIENNIAL basis, submit data to the department <--
7 concerning stroke care for inclusion in the Statewide stroke
8 registry, as determined by the Secretary of Health. Data under
9 this subsection shall align with the stroke consensus metrics
10 developed and approved by the American Heart Association in
11 effect as of the effective date of this subsection.

12 (c) Data access.--Each comprehensive stroke center,
13 thrombectomy-capable stroke center, primary stroke center and
14 acute stroke-ready hospital shall provide the department access
15 to records, as the department deems necessary, to perform case
16 findings or other quality improvement audits to ensure
17 completeness of reporting and data accuracy consistent with the
18 purposes of this section.

19 (d) Contract and reporting.--The department may enter a
20 contract for the receipt, storage, holding or maintenance of the
21 data or files under department control and management. The
22 department may enter into reciprocal reporting agreements with
23 the appropriate agencies of other states to exchange stroke care
24 data.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.