

ENROLLED ACT NO. 73, SENATE

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AN ACT relating to health care facilities; providing for designation of hospitals as acute stroke ready centers; requiring emergency medical services providers to adopt protocols for stroke and acute heart attack patients as specified; requiring a report; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 35-2-1001(a)(intro), (iii), by creating a new paragraph (v) and (d) by creating a new paragraph (v) is amended to read:

35-2-1001. Designation of heart attack and stroke centers.

(a) The department of health shall establish by rule and regulation the process for recognition and designation of hospitals as any one (1) or more of the following:

(iii) Comprehensive stroke centers; ~~and~~

(v) Acute stroke ready centers.

(d) The department shall adopt rules and regulations to enforce this article, which shall include all of the following:

(v) Evidence based prehospital care protocols for emergency medical services providers to assess, treat and transport stroke and acute heart attack patients. The office of emergency medical services shall work in coordination with licensed emergency medical providers in developing the protocols which shall include:

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(A) Plans for the triage and transport of stroke patients to the closest comprehensive or primary stroke center or, when appropriate, to an acute stroke ready center;

(B) Plans for the triage and transport of acute heart attack patients to the closest receiving or referring center within a specified time after a patients report of symptoms.

Section 2. The department of health shall submit a one-time report to the joint labor, health and social services interim committee by October 1, 2016, describing how many acute stroke ready centers have been designated as a result of this act, what protocols have been developed to assess, treat and transport stroke and acute heart attack patients, and any other relevant information the committee may need to determine whether additional legislation may be necessary to enhance services statewide for stroke and acute heart attack patients.

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Section 3. This act is effective July 1, 2015.

(END)

Speaker of the House

President of the Senate

Governor

TIME APPROVED: _____

DATE APPROVED: _____

I hereby certify that this act originated in the Senate.

Chief Clerk