

AN ACT

To enact sections 3727.11, 3727.12, 3727.13, 3727.14, 3727.15, and 4765.401 of the Revised Code to provide for recognition of stroke centers and establishment of protocols for assessment, treatment, and transport to hospitals of stroke patients.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That sections 3727.11, 3727.12, 3727.13, 3727.14, 3727.15, and 4765.401 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 3727.11. A hospital shall not represent itself as a comprehensive stroke center, primary stroke center, or acute stroke ready hospital unless it is recognized as such by the department of health under section 3727.13 of the Revised Code.

This section does not prohibit a hospital from representing itself as having a relationship or affiliation with a hospital recognized by the department of health under section 3727.13 of the Revised Code or a hospital in another state that is certified as a comprehensive stroke center, primary stroke center, or acute stroke ready hospital by an accrediting organization approved by the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services.

Sec. 3727.12. (A) A person or government entity seeking recognition of a hospital as a comprehensive stroke center, primary stroke center, or acute stroke ready hospital by the department of health under section 3727.13 of the Revised Code shall file with the department an application for recognition. The application shall be submitted in the manner prescribed by the department.

(B)(1) To be eligible for recognition as a comprehensive stroke center under section 3727.13 of the Revised Code, a hospital must be certified as a comprehensive stroke center by an accrediting organization approved by the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services or an organization acceptable to the department under division (C) of this section.

(2) To be eligible for recognition as a primary stroke center under section 3727.13 of the Revised Code, a hospital must be certified as a primary stroke center by an accrediting organization approved by the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services or an organization acceptable to the department under division (C) of this section.

(3) To be eligible for recognition as an acute stroke ready hospital under section 3727.13 of the Revised Code, a hospital must be certified as an acute stroke ready hospital by an accrediting organization approved by the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services or an organization acceptable to the department under division (C) of this section.

(C) For purposes of division (B) of this section, to be acceptable to the department an organization must certify comprehensive stroke centers, primary stroke centers, or acute stroke ready hospitals in accordance with nationally recognized certification guidelines.

Sec. 3727.13. (A)(1) The department of health shall recognize as a comprehensive stroke

center a hospital that satisfies the requirements of division (B)(1) of section 3727.12 of the Revised Code and submits a complete application.

(2)(a) The department shall recognize as a primary stroke center a hospital that satisfies the requirements of division (B)(2) of section 3727.12 of the Revised Code and submits a complete application.

(b) If a hospital satisfying the requirements of division (B)(2) of section 3727.12 of the Revised Code has attained supplementary levels of stroke care distinction as identified by an accrediting organization approved by the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services or an organization accepted by the department under section 3727.12 of the Revised Code, including by offering patients mechanical endovascular therapy, the department shall include that distinction in its recognition.

(3) The department shall recognize as an acute stroke ready hospital a hospital that satisfies the requirements of division (B)(3) of section 3727.12 of the Revised Code and submits a complete application.

(B) The department shall end its recognition of a hospital made under division (A) of this section if the accrediting organization described in division (B) of section 3727.12 of the Revised Code that certified the hospital revokes, rescinds, or otherwise terminates the hospital's certification with that organization or the certification expires.

(C) Not later than the first day of January and July each year, the department shall compile and send a list of hospitals recognized under division (A) of this section to the medical director and cooperating physician advisory board of each emergency medical service organization, as defined in section 4765.01 of the Revised Code. The department also shall maintain a comprehensive list of recognized hospitals on its internet web site and update the list not later than thirty days after a hospital is recognized under division (A) of this section or its recognition ends under division (B) of this section.

Sec. 3727.14. If an accrediting organization approved by the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services or an organization that certifies hospitals in accordance with nationally recognized certification guidelines establishes a level of stroke certification that is in addition to the three levels described in sections 3727.11 to 3727.13 of the Revised Code, the department of health shall recognize a hospital certified at that additional level.

For purposes of this section, the department and a hospital shall comply with sections 3727.11 to 3727.13 of the Revised Code as if the certification and recognition described in this section were one of the three levels described in sections 3727.11 to 3727.13 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 3727.15. The director of health may adopt rules as the director considers necessary for the implementation of sections 3727.11 to 3727.14 of the Revised Code. The rules shall be adopted in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4765.401. (A) The medical director or cooperating physician advisory board of each emergency medical service organization shall establish written protocols for the assessment, treatment, and transport to hospitals of stroke patients by emergency medical service personnel. In establishing protocols, the medical director or cooperating physician advisory board shall consult with one or more local hospitals.

(B) Each emergency medical service organization shall provide copies of its protocols to the

state board of emergency medical, fire, and transportation services and the regional director or regional advisory board appointed under section 4765.05 of the Revised Code for the organization's emergency medical services region.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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Secretary of State.

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