

SENATE FILE NO. SF0088

Emergency care-stroke and acute heart attack patients.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Craft and Coe and
Representative(s) Dayton, Hunt, Kasperik,
Northrup and Wilson

A BILL

for

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

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

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

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13 **35-2-1001. Designation of heart attack and stroke**
14 **centers.**

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

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

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7 (v) Acute stroke ready centers.

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

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13 (v) A requirement that all emergency medical
14 services providers licensed under the Emergency Medical
15 Services Act, in cooperation with the office of emergency
16 medical services, develop evidence based prehospital care
17 protocols for emergency medical services providers to
18 assess, treat and transport stroke and acute heart attack
19 patients. The protocols shall include:

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21 (A) Plans for the triage and transport of
22 stroke patients to the closest comprehensive or primary

1 stroke center or, when appropriate, to an acute stroke
2 ready center;

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

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9 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2015.

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