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HOUSE BILL 2157

AN ACT

RELATING TO STROKE CARE.

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1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Department of health services: stroke protocols

3 On or before January 1, 2014, the department of health services shall
4 adopt rules relating to the coordination of stroke care services between
5 emergency medical services providers and hospitals in this state that do the
6 following:

7 1. Direct the Arizona emergency medical services council to establish
8 emergency stroke care protocols within each of the four local emergency
9 medical services coordinating regions for patient care and patient care
10 procedures relating to the assessment, treatment and transport of stroke
11 patients to the most appropriate acute care treatment facility, including
12 facilities certified as primary stroke centers by national certifying
13 organizations. These protocols shall be consistent with nationally
14 recognized protocols established by national organizations that focus on
15 heart disease and stroke care and prevention.

16 2. Use national standards for hospital-based and rehabilitative stroke
17 care established by national organizations that focus on heart disease and
18 stroke care and prevention. The department shall seek stakeholder, including
19 health care providers, input in the development of these standards.

20 3. Use statewide stroke quality improvement databases that compile
21 data on stroke care and that are consistent with the stroke consensus metrics
22 prescribed by the centers for disease control and prevention, national
23 organizations that focus on heart disease, stroke care and prevention, and
24 the national department of transportation emergency medical services
25 database.

26 Sec. 2. Exemption from rule making

27 For the purposes of this act, the department of health services is
28 exempt from the rule making requirements of title 41, chapter 6, Arizona
29 Revised Statutes, for two years after the effective date of this act.