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To enact sections 3727.11, 3727.12, 3727.13, and 1
3727.14 of the Revised Code to provide for state 2
recognition of hospitals that are comprehensive 3
stroke centers, primary stroke centers, and acute 4
stroke ready hospitals. 5

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 3727.11, 3727.12, 3727.13, and 6
3727.14 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 3727.11. (A) A hospital may apply to the department of 8
health to be designated as a comprehensive stroke center. 9
Application shall be made on a form furnished by the department. 10

(B) Not later than thirty days after receiving a completed 11
application, the department shall complete its review of the 12
application. If the department determines that the hospital has 13
provided sufficient evidence that the hospital is certified or 14
accredited as a comprehensive stroke center by either of the 15
following, the department shall designate the hospital as a 16
comprehensive stroke center: 17

(1) The joint commission; 18

(2) Another entity acceptable to the department that is nationally recognized and provides certification or accreditation of comprehensive stroke centers. 19
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(C) A designation made under division (B) of this section expires three years from the date it is made. A hospital may have a designation renewed for subsequent three-year periods by applying to the department on a form furnished by the department. The department shall renew the designation if the hospital continues to meet the requirements of division (B) of this section. 22
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(D) A hospital shall not use the phrase "comprehensive stroke center" or otherwise hold itself out as a comprehensive stroke center unless it is designated as a comprehensive stroke center under this section. 29
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(E) The department shall revoke a designation made under this section if it determines that the hospital is no longer certified or accredited as a comprehensive stroke center by an entity specified in division (B) of this section. 33
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(F) Annually, not later than the first day of December, the department shall compile and make available a list of hospitals designated as comprehensive stroke centers. 37
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(G) This section does not limit the services that may be provided by a hospital or prohibit a hospital from providing services it is authorized to provide. 40
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Sec. 3727.12. (A) A hospital may apply to the department of health to be designated as a primary stroke center. Application shall be made on a form furnished by the department. 43
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(B) Not later than thirty days after receiving a completed application, the department shall complete its review of the application. If the department determines that the hospital has 46
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provided sufficient evidence that the hospital is certified or 49
accredited as a primary stroke center by either of the following, 50
the department shall designate the hospital as a primary stroke 51
center: 52

(1) The joint commission; 53

(2) Another entity acceptable to the department that is 54
nationally recognized and provides certification or accreditation 55
of primary stroke centers. 56

(C) A designation made under division (B) of this section 57
expires three years from the date it is made. A hospital may have 58
a designation renewed for subsequent three-year periods by 59
applying to the department on a form furnished by the department. 60
The department shall renew the designation if the hospital 61
continues to meet the requirements of division (B) of this 62
section. 63

(D) A hospital shall not use the phrase "primary stroke 64
center" or otherwise hold itself out as a primary stroke center 65
unless it is designated as a primary stroke center under this 66
section. 67

(E) The department shall revoke a designation made under this 68
section if it determines that the hospital is no longer certified 69
or accredited as a primary stroke center by an entity specified in 70
division (B) of this section. 71

(F) Annually, not later than the first day of December, the 72
department shall compile and make available a list of hospitals 73
designated as primary stroke centers. 74

(G) This section does not limit the services that may be 75
provided by a hospital or prohibit a hospital from providing 76
services it is authorized to provide. 77

Sec. 3727.13. (A) A hospital may apply to the department of 78

<u>health to be designated as an acute stroke ready hospital.</u>	79
<u>Application shall be made on a form furnished by the department.</u>	80
<u>(B) Not later than thirty days after receiving a completed</u>	81
<u>application, the department shall complete its review of the</u>	82
<u>application. If the department determines that the hospital has</u>	83
<u>provided sufficient evidence that it possesses all of the</u>	84
<u>following, the department shall designate the hospital as an acute</u>	85
<u>stroke ready hospital:</u>	86
<u>(1) A team of health care professionals, qualified to treat</u>	87
<u>acute strokes, that is available or on-call twenty-four hours a</u>	88
<u>day, seven days a week;</u>	89
<u>(2) Written stroke protocols that, at a minimum, cover the</u>	90
<u>following components: triage, stabilization of vital functions,</u>	91
<u>initial diagnostic tests, and medication use;</u>	92
<u>(3) A written plan and letter of cooperation with emergency</u>	93
<u>medical service personnel regarding triage and communication that</u>	94
<u>are consistent with regional patient care procedures;</u>	95
<u>(4) Emergency medical service personnel who are trained in</u>	96
<u>diagnosing and treating acute stroke;</u>	97
<u>(5) The capacity to complete basic laboratory tests,</u>	98
<u>electrocardiograms, and chest x-rays twenty-four hours a day,</u>	99
<u>seven days a week;</u>	100
<u>(6) The capacity to perform and interpret brain injury</u>	101
<u>imaging studies twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week;</u>	102
<u>(7) Written protocols, revised not less than once annually,</u>	103
<u>that detail available emergent therapies and reflect current</u>	104
<u>treatment guidelines and include performance measures;</u>	105
<u>(8) A neurosurgery coverage plan, call schedule, and triage</u>	106
<u>and transportation plan;</u>	107

<u>(9) Transfer protocols and agreements for stroke patients;</u>	108
<u>(10) A designated medical director with experience and expertise in stroke care.</u>	109 110
<u>(C) A designation made under division (B) of this section expires three years from the date it is made. A hospital may have a designation renewed for subsequent three-year periods by applying to the department on a form furnished by the department. The department shall renew the designation if the hospital continues to meet the requirements of division (B) of this section.</u>	111 112 113 114 115 116 117
<u>(D) A hospital shall not use the phrase "acute stroke ready hospital" or otherwise hold itself out as an acute stroke ready hospital unless it is designated as an acute stroke ready hospital under this section.</u>	118 119 120 121
<u>(E) The department shall revoke a designation made under this section if the department determines that the hospital no longer meets the requirements specified in division (B) of this section.</u>	122 123 124
<u>(F) Annually, not later than the first day of December, the department shall compile and make available a list of hospitals designated as acute stroke ready hospitals.</u>	125 126 127
<u>(G) This section does not limit the services that may be provided by a hospital or prohibit a hospital from providing services it is authorized to provide.</u>	128 129 130
<u>Sec. 3727.14.</u> <u>A hospital shall not use the phrase "stroke center" or "stroke hospital" unless one of the following is the case:</u>	131 132 133
<u>(A) It has been designated as a comprehensive stroke center, primary stroke center, or acute stroke ready hospital by the department of health under section 3727.11, 3727.12, or 3727.13 of the Revised Code;</u>	134 135 136 137

(B) It has been certified or accredited as a comprehensive 138
stroke center or primary stroke center by the joint commission or 139
another entity acceptable to the department of health that is 140
nationally recognized and provides certification or accreditation 141
of comprehensive stroke centers or primary stroke centers. 142