

CHAPTER 67**(SB 1)**

AN ACT relating to primary stroke center certification.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔ **SECTION 1.** A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 216B IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *Except as otherwise provided, for purposes of this section:*
- (a) *"Acute care hospital" means a licensed facility providing inpatient and outpatient medical or surgical services to an individual that seeks care and treatment, regardless of the individual's ability to pay for services, on an immediate and emergent basis through an established emergency department and a continuous treatment basis on its premises for more than twenty-four (24) hours; and*
 - (b) *"Primary stroke center certification" means certification for acute care hospitals issued by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) or another cabinet-approved nationally recognized organization that provides disease specific certification for stroke care, that:*
 - 1. *Complies with census-based national standards and safety goals;*
 - 2. *Effectively uses evidence-based clinical practice guidelines to manage and optimize care; and*
 - 3. *Uses an organized approach to measure performance.*
- (2) *The secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall designate as a primary stroke center any acute care hospital which has received a primary stroke center certification.*
- (3) *The secretary shall suspend or revoke an acute care hospital's designation as a primary stroke center if certification is withdrawn by JCAHO or another cabinet-approved certifying organization.*

Signed by Governor April 7, 2010.