

216B.0425 Certification designations for stroke care for acute care hospitals and stroke centers.

- (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) "Acute stroke ready hospital certification," "primary stroke center certification," "thrombectomy-capable stroke center certification," and "comprehensive stroke center certification" mean certification for acute care hospitals issued by the Joint Commission, the American Heart Association, 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 certified stroke center any acute care hospital which has received an acute stroke ready hospital certification, a primary stroke center certification, a thrombectomy-capable stroke center, or a comprehensive stroke center certification.
- (3) The secretary shall suspend or revoke an acute care hospital's designation as an acute stroke ready hospital, a primary stroke center, a thrombectomy-capable stroke center, or a comprehensive stroke center if certification is withdrawn by the Joint Commission, the American Heart Association, or another cabinet-approved certifying organization.
- (4)
 - (a) The cabinet shall maintain a list of certified acute stroke ready hospitals, primary stroke centers, thrombectomy-capable stroke centers, and comprehensive stroke centers and post the list on its Web site. The cabinet shall provide the list and periodic updates to the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services.
 - (b) The Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services shall share the list with each local emergency medical services provider at least annually, and as new centers and hospitals are designated and certified.

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