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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Stroke System of Care Act; to amend
- 2 sections 71-4201 and 81-664, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska;
- 3 to provide for a quality improvement plan, registry, and data
- 4 oversight process; to provide powers and duties; to harmonize
- 5 provisions; and to repeal the original sections.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 71-4201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 71-4201 Sections 71-4201 to 71-4209 and section 2 of this act shall
4 be known and may be cited as the Stroke System of Care Act.

5 Sec. 2. (1) The department in conjunction with the stroke system of
6 care task force shall establish and implement an improvement plan for a
7 comprehensive stroke system for stroke response and treatment. The
8 department shall:

9 (a) Maintain a statewide stroke data registry that utilizes the
10 American Heart Association's 'Get with the Guidelines' stroke data set or
11 a data tool with equivalent data measures and with confidentiality
12 standards consistent with federal and state law and other health
13 information and data collection, storage, and sharing requirements of the
14 department;

15 (b) Require comprehensive stroke centers, thrombectomy capable
16 stroke centers, and primary stroke centers, and encourage other hospitals
17 and emergency medical services, to report data consistent with nationally
18 recognized guidelines on the treatment of individuals with a suspected
19 stroke and transient ischemic attack within the state;

20 (c) Encourage sharing of information and data among health care
21 providers on ways to improve the quality of care for stroke patients
22 within the state; and

23 (d) Facilitate the communication and analysis of health information
24 and data among health care professionals who provide care for stroke
25 patients.

26 (2) The department shall establish a data oversight process for
27 stroke response and treatment. The department shall provide for (a) the
28 analysis of data generated by the stroke registry on stroke response and
29 treatment and (b) the identification of potential interventions to
30 improve stroke care in geographic areas or regions of the state.

31 (3) All data and information developed or collected pursuant to the

1 Stroke System of Care Act registry and the receipt and release of data
2 from the Stroke System of Care Act registry is subject to and shall
3 comply with sections 81-663 to 81-675. For purposes of the Stroke System
4 of Care Act registry, data may be released as Class I data, Class II
5 data, Class III data, or Class IV data as classified in section 81-667.

6 Sec. 3. Section 81-664, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
7 amended to read:

8 81-664 For purposes of sections 81-663 to 81-675:

9 (1) Aggregate data means data contained in the medical record and
10 health information registries maintained by the department which is
11 compiled in a statistical format and which does not include patient-
12 identifying data;

13 (2) Approved researcher means an individual or entity which is
14 approved by the department pursuant to section 81-666 to obtain access to
15 data contained in the medical record and health information registries
16 maintained by the department to assist in the scientific or medical
17 research for the prevention, cure, or control of a disease or injury
18 process;

19 (3) Case-specific data means data contained in the medical record
20 and health information registries concerning a specific individual other
21 than patient-identifying data;

22 (4) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;

23 (5) Medical record and health information registry means the system
24 of reporting certain medical conditions occurring in this state, as
25 prescribed by law, which are reported and recorded in order to achieve
26 the goals of prevention, cure, and control through research and
27 education, and includes the birth defects registry established in section
28 71-646, the cancer registry established in sections 81-642 to 81-650, the
29 brain injury registry established in the Brain Injury Registry Act, and
30 the Parkinson's Disease Registry established in the Parkinson's Disease
31 Registry Act and the statewide stroke data registry established in the

1 Stroke System of Care Act;

2 (6) Patient-identifying data means the patient's name, address,
3 record number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to or
4 related to an individual patient; and

5 (7) Research means study specific to the diseases or injuries for
6 which access to data is requested and which is dedicated to the
7 prevention, cure, or control of the diseases or injuries.

8 Sec. 4. Original sections 71-4201 and 81-664, Reissue Revised
9 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.