

HOUSE BILL No. 1310

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 16-18-2-109.1; IC 16-31-2-9.5; IC 16-41-17.5.

Synopsis: Statewide stroke plan. Requires the Indiana department of health (state department) to include Indiana hospitals certified as a thrombectomy-capable stroke center in certain lists maintained by the state department concerning certified stroke centers. Amends the list of entities that certify stroke centers. Requires a hospital certified as a thrombectomy-capable stroke center to provide certain information to the state department. Prohibits a health care facility from advertising that the facility is a thrombectomy-capable stroke center unless the facility is certified by a specified entity. Requires the state department to establish and implement a statewide stroke plan. Sets forth requirements of the plan and requirements for certain health care providers to report stroke data. Requires the state department to establish a data base for the reported data and sets forth additional requirements. Requires the state department to annually report certain stroke data to the governor and the executive director of the legislative services agency.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-18-2-109.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.32-2021,
2 SECTION 36, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 109.1. "Emergency medical dispatch agency", for
4 purposes of IC 16-31-3.5 **and IC 16-41-17.5**, has the meaning set forth
5 in ~~IC 16-31-3.5-1~~ **IC 16-31-3.5-1(c)**.

6 SECTION 2. IC 16-31-2-9.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.138-2017,
7 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 9.5. (a) ~~Before July 1, 2018~~, The commission shall
9 do the following:

10 (1) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 concerning protocols for the
11 identification, transport, and treatment of stroke patients by
12 personnel providing emergency medical services. The rules must
13 include standards for stroke triage and transport protocols to be
14 implemented by regional and local emergency medical services
15 entities and programs to promote the efficiency and quality of
16 care for stroke patients based on evidence based science and
17 nationally recognized guidelines.



- 1 (2) Adopt and distribute a nationally recognized stroke
 2 assessment tool to personnel providing emergency medical
 3 services.
- 4 (b) Before ~~July 1, 2018~~, **October 1, 2025**, the state department shall
 5 do the following:
- 6 (1) Compile and maintain a list of Indiana hospitals that are
 7 certified as a comprehensive stroke center, a primary stroke
 8 center, ~~or~~ an acute stroke ready hospital, **or a**
 9 **thrombectomy-capable stroke center** by one (1) of the
 10 following:
- 11 (A) The American Heart Association.
 12 (B) The Joint Commission.
 13 (C) DNV GL.
 14 (D) ~~The Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program. The~~
 15 **Accreditation Commission for Health Care.**
 16 (E) A nationally recognized organization that provides:
- 17 (i) comprehensive stroke center hospital certification;
 18 (ii) primary stroke center hospital certification; ~~or~~
 19 (iii) acute stroke ready hospital certification; **or**
 20 **(iv) thrombectomy-capable stroke center certification;**
 21 for stroke care and that has been approved by the commission.
- 22 (2) Compile and maintain a list of Indiana network participating
 23 hospitals that have a written agreement to transfer a stroke patient
 24 to a certified primary stroke center, certified comprehensive
 25 stroke center, ~~or~~ certified acute stroke ready hospital, **or certified**
 26 **thrombectomy-capable stroke center** for stroke treatment
 27 therapies that the network participating hospital is not capable of
 28 providing.
- 29 (c) A hospital that is certified under subsection (b)(1) shall:
- 30 (1) provide the state department with the certification
 31 information, including a copy of the actual certification and the
 32 date the certification is set to expire; and
 33 (2) notify the state department not more than forty-eight (48)
 34 hours after the hospital's certification has been suspended,
 35 revoked, or lowered in the stroke care status level.
- 36 (d) A hospital that is an Indiana network participating hospital under
 37 subsection (b)(2) must provide the state department with a copy of the
 38 written transfer agreement.
- 39 (e) A health care facility may not advertise that the facility is a
 40 certified comprehensive stroke center, a primary stroke center, ~~or~~ an
 41 acute stroke ready hospital, **or a thrombectomy-capable stroke**
 42 **center**, unless the facility has been certified by an entity set forth in



1 subsection (b)(1). A health care facility that violates this subsection is
 2 subject to the penalties set forth in IC 16-21-5.

3 (f) The commission and the state department shall enter into a
 4 memorandum of understanding to share information to implement this
 5 section.

6 SECTION 3. IC 16-41-17.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
 7 AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2025]:

9 **Chapter 17.5. Prevention and Treatment Programs: Statewide**
 10 **Stroke Plan**

11 **Sec. 1. (a) The state department shall establish and implement**
 12 **a statewide stroke plan for the purpose of achieving continuous**
 13 **quality improvements in stroke response and treatment in Indiana.**

14 **(b) The state department shall coordinate with national health**
 15 **organizations that specialize in stroke quality improvement in the**
 16 **establishment of the statewide plan.**

17 **Sec. 2. The statewide plan required under section 1 of this**
 18 **chapter must include the following:**

19 **(1) A statewide stroke data base that compiles information**
 20 **and statistics on stroke care in Indiana, in accordance with**
 21 **stroke consensus metrics developed and approved by the**
 22 **American Heart Association, the American Stroke**
 23 **Association, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,**
 24 **and the Joint Commission.**

25 **(2) Use of the Get With The Guidelines-Stroke program**
 26 **maintained by the American Heart Association and the**
 27 **American Stroke Association or a nationally recognized data**
 28 **set platform that includes strong confidentiality standards**
 29 **under subdivision (1) and this subdivision.**

30 **(3) Transfer of a stroke patient to the closest appropriate**
 31 **facility for stroke treatment.**

32 **Sec. 3. (a) A hospital that is licensed under IC 16-21 and**
 33 **certified as a:**

34 **(1) comprehensive stroke center;**

35 **(2) thrombectomy-capable stroke center; or**

36 **(3) primary stroke center;**

37 **as described in IC 16-31-2-9.5(b) shall report to the state**
 38 **department data concerning each stroke case and the treatment of**
 39 **these individuals in Indiana with a confirmed diagnosis of a stroke.**
 40 **A hospital described under this subsection that provides**
 41 **mechanical endovascular thrombectomy shall report data**
 42 **concerning the process, any complications, and outcomes of the**



- 1 procedure.
- 2 (b) The following may report the data described in subsection
- 3 (a) to the state department:
- 4 (1) A hospital that is licensed under IC 16-21 and that is
- 5 certified as an acute stroke ready hospital.
- 6 (2) An emergency medical dispatch agency.
- 7 (c) The state department shall do the following:
- 8 (1) Develop and maintain a data base for the storage of data
- 9 reported under this section.
- 10 (2) Establish a procedure for hospitals and emergency
- 11 medical dispatch agencies to report the data under this
- 12 section.
- 13 (3) Encourage and facilitate the sharing of information and
- 14 data by health care providers and health care systems for the
- 15 purpose of improving the quality of care provided to stroke
- 16 patients in Indiana.
- 17 (4) Establish a data oversight process and plan for the
- 18 purpose of achieving quality improvement in the treatment
- 19 and care of individuals who have experienced a stroke
- 20 through the following:
- 21 (A) Analysis of the data reported and included in the
- 22 stroke data base.
- 23 (B) Identification of potential interventions to improve
- 24 stroke care in certain geographic regions of Indiana.
- 25 (C) Determination of recommendations to improve stroke
- 26 care in Indiana.
- 27 **Sec. 4.** The state department shall establish and disseminate
- 28 evidence based treatment and community based care guidelines for
- 29 health care providers that provide follow-up care for a patient who
- 30 received acute treatment for a stroke upon the patient's hospital
- 31 discharge.
- 32 **Sec. 5.** (a) Before June 30 of each year, the state department
- 33 shall report the following to the governor and, in an electronic
- 34 format under IC 5-14-6, the executive director of the legislative
- 35 services agency:
- 36 (1) Information concerning the stroke data collected under
- 37 this chapter for the previous calendar year.
- 38 (2) Any recommendations of the state department to improve
- 39 stroke care in Indiana.
- 40 (b) The state department shall post the report required under
- 41 subsection (a) on the state department's website.
- 42 **Sec. 6.** Nothing in this chapter may be construed to require the



- 1 **disclosure of confidential health information in violation of the**
- 2 **federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.**

