

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 476

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A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Stroke System of Care Act; to amend sections 71-4201 and 81-664, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for a quality improvement plan, registry, and data oversight process; to provide powers and duties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(3) All data and information developed or collected pursuant to the Stroke System of Care Act registry and the receipt and release of data from the Stroke System of Care Act registry is subject to and shall comply with sections 81-663 to 81-675. For purposes of the Stroke System of Care Act registry, data may be released as Class I data, Class II data, Class III data, or Class IV data as classified in section 81-667.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

control of the diseases or injuries.

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