

CHAPTER NO. 442

SENATE BILL NO. 690

By Ford, Dixon

Substituted for: House Bill No. 368

By Bowers, Langster, Pruitt, Hargrove

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to Centers for Stroke Care Excellence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. (a) The Commissioner of Health shall establish a stroke care, education, and outreach collaborative in each grand division of the state. The members of the collaborative shall be hospitals and health care providers providing stroke care in the grand division. The collaborative shall develop and support a program of education and outreach focused on helping community hospitals acquire the skills and resources necessary to qualify them as "stroke centers", equipped for the treatment of a patient with acute stroke. The program will be targeted to hospitals and providers in the grand division.

(b) (1) Stroke care education and outreach shall be focused on performance and process improvement, shall employ the use of multidisciplinary teams of care, and shall be knowledge-based and patient-centered. The program shall be comprehensive in its approach, utilizing neurology, cardiology, diagnostic services, rehabilitation services, community resources, and service providers. The collaborative shall designate at least one (1) hospital to be an education site and have resources dedicated to its educational outreach program.

(2) Each collaborative shall provide a stroke education program based on:

(A) best current practice developed through research and medical literature and study of best practice in acute stroke treatment and therapy;

(B) best medical practice that is tailored to meet the patient population served at the center reflecting the cultural, psychosocial, economic and lifestyle characteristics;

(C) clinical guidelines and protocols for standardized care;

(D) benchmarks to monitor quality care practices;

(E) performance improvement for better patient outcomes; and

(F) increased capacity for stroke research.

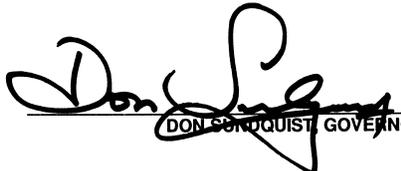
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: July 12, 2001

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 2001

  
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