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Governor

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State Health Commissioner

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Dear Hospital CEO:

The enclosed House Enrolled Act 1145 becomes effective July 1, 2017. Commonly referred to as the Stroke Protocols for Emergency Services Personnel, Public Law 138:

- Requires the Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMSC) to adopt rules concerning protocols for the identification, transport, and treatment of stroke patients by personnel providing emergency medical services by July 1, 2018.
- Requires the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) to compile and maintain a list before July 1, 2018 of:
  - Certified stroke centers and hospitals; and
  - Indiana stroke network participating hospitals.
- Requires certified hospitals to provide a copy of their certification and network participating hospitals to provide a copy of their written transfer agreements to ISDH if they want to be included on the ISDH list.
- Prohibits advertising after July 1, 2017 that the facility is a certified comprehensive stroke center, a primary stroke center, or an acute stroke ready hospital, unless the facility has been certified by a nationally recognized organization.

In response to HEA 1145, ISDH will begin compiling the list of certified stroke centers. If your hospital is a certified stroke center, you should write to ISDH and list:

- What level of stroke certification (Comprehensive Stroke Center, Primary Stroke Center, or Acute Stroke-Ready Hospital),
- Name of the certifying entity, and
- Provide proof of certification by including a copy of the stroke center certification and the date the certification is set to expire.
- Also, if there is a change in stroke center status, (such as suspended, revoked, or lowered) the law requires hospitals to inform ISDH of such action within 48 hours.

Also, hospitals that agree to transfer patients to an appropriate level of stroke care facility must provide a copy of the written agreement to ISDH.

All information about hospital stroke center certification and any transfer agreements should be sent to Katie Hokanson, ISDH director of Trauma and Injury Prevention, 2 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204. All questions may also be directed to Katie Hokanson at 317-234-2865, or [khokanson@isdh.in.gov](mailto:khokanson@isdh.in.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure