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HOUSE BILL 167

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2012

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN FOR CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT STROKE RESPONSE AND TREATMENT AND CREATION OF A STATEWIDE STROKE REGISTRY; PROVIDING FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORTING ON COLLECTED STROKE DATA; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. A new section of the Public Health Act is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] STROKE RESPONSE AND TREATMENT PLAN--STROKE REGISTRY--STROKE RESPONSE--STROKE TREATMENT--REPORTING.--

A. The department of health shall establish and implement a plan for a statewide system of stroke response and treatment that sets forth guidelines for achieving continuous quality improvement in the quality of stroke care statewide.

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1 B. The department of health shall establish and
2 maintain a statewide stroke registry. The registry shall be a
3 database that compiles information and statistics on stroke
4 care that align stroke care in the state with the stroke
5 consensus metrics that the American heart association, the
6 American stroke association, the federal centers for disease
7 control and prevention and the joint commission have developed.
8 The data platform for the stroke registry shall use a
9 nationally recognized data set platform with confidentiality
10 standards that are no less secure than those set forth in
11 nationally recognized stroke care industry standards. As much
12 as possible, the department shall coordinate with national
13 voluntary health organizations involved in stroke quality
14 improvement to avoid redundancy in establishing the stroke
15 registry.

16 C. The following entities shall report data to the
17 department of health on the treatment of state residents who
18 have confirmed cases of stroke in a manner consistent with
19 nationally recognized stroke care guidelines:

- 20 (1) primary stroke centers;
- 21 (2) acute stroke capable hospitals; and
- 22 (3) emergency medical service agencies.

23 D. The department of health shall:

24 (1) encourage the sharing of information and
25 stroke data among health care providers on ways to improve the

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1 quality of care of stroke patients in the state;

2 (2) facilitate the communication and analysis
3 of health information and stroke data among the health care
4 professionals providing care for individuals with stroke;

5 (3) require the application of evidence-based
6 treatment guidelines regarding the transition of patients to
7 community-based follow-up care in hospital outpatient,
8 physician office and ambulatory clinic settings for ongoing
9 care after hospital discharge following acute treatment for
10 stroke; and

11 (4) establish a stroke data oversight process
12 and implement a plan for achieving continuous quality
13 improvement in care provided under the statewide system for
14 stroke response and treatment. The plan shall:

15 (a) analyze data on stroke response and
16 treatment generated by the stroke registry;

17 (b) identify potential interventions to
18 improve stroke care in specific geographic areas of the state;
19 and

20 (c) provide recommendations to the
21 department of health and the legislature for the improvement of
22 stroke care and delivery in the state.

23 E. By June 1, 2013 and by June 1 every year
24 thereafter, the department of health shall provide a summary
25 report of the stroke data it collects pursuant to this section.

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1 The department of health shall report all data in the
2 aggregate. The report shall show progress made statewide
3 toward improving the quality of care and outcomes for patients
4 with stroke. The department shall present the summary report
5 to:

6 (1) the public via a publicly accessible web
7 site that the department maintains;

8 (2) the governor;

9 (3) the president pro tempore of the senate;

10 and

11 (4) the speaker of the house of
12 representatives.

13 F. The provisions of this section shall not be
14 construed to require disclosure of any information in violation
15 of state or federal privacy laws."

16 **SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.**--Seventy thousand dollars
17 (\$70,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
18 department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2013 to
19 fund implementation for the department's plan for stroke
20 response and treatment and the establishment and maintenance of
21 a statewide stroke registry. Any unexpended or unencumbered
22 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2013 shall revert
23 to the general fund.