

1 AN ACT
2 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE
3 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DEPARTMENT OF
4 HEALTH CERTIFICATION OF HOSPITALS AS STEMI RECEIVING CENTERS
5 OR STEMI REFERRING CENTERS; PROVIDING FOR RULEMAKING.

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

8 SECTION 1. A new section of the Emergency Medical
9 Services Act is enacted to read:

10 "CERTIFICATION OF STEMI RECEIVING AND REFERRING
11 CENTERS.--

12 A. As used in this section, "STEMI" means ST
13 segment elevation myocardial infarction.

14 B. In accordance with department rules, the
15 department shall certify an acute care hospital as a STEMI
16 receiving center or STEMI referring center if that hospital
17 has been accredited as a STEMI receiving center or STEMI
18 referring center by the society of cardiovascular patient care
19 or another nationally recognized organization that provides
20 STEMI receiving or referring accreditation.

21 C. The department shall post information regarding
22 certification on the department's web site.

23 D. If a hospital loses its national accreditation
24 as a STEMI receiving center or STEMI referring center, the
25 secretary shall revoke the hospital's certification.

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E. The secretary may adopt rules:

(1) relating to STEMI certification and revocation of certification by the department; and

(2) to assist and encourage STEMI receiving centers to enter into coordinated STEMI care agreements with STEMI referring centers and other health care facilities throughout the state to provide appropriate access to care for acute heart attack patients."
