

HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL 33

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

AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE PUBLIC  
HEALTH ACT TO PROVIDE FOR DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CERTIFICATION OF  
HOSPITALS AS PRIMARY STROKE CENTERS, COMPREHENSIVE STROKE  
CENTERS OR ACUTE STROKE CAPABLE CENTERS; PROVIDING FOR  
RULEMAKING.

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]~~ PRIMARY STROKE CENTERS--COMPREHENSIVE  
STROKE CENTERS--ACUTE STROKE CAPABLE CENTERS--DEPARTMENT  
CERTIFICATION--RULEMAKING.--

A. In accordance with department rules, the  
department shall certify any acute care hospital as a primary  
stroke center, comprehensive stroke center or acute stroke

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1 capable center if that hospital has been accredited as a  
2 primary stroke center, comprehensive stroke center or acute  
3 stroke capable center by the joint commission or another  
4 nationally recognized organization that provides certification  
5 for primary stroke enters, comprehensive stroke centers or  
6 acute stroke capable centers. The department shall post  
7 information regarding certification on the department's web  
8 site. If a hospital loses any national certification as a  
9 primary stroke center, comprehensive stroke center or acute  
10 stroke capable center, the secretary shall also remove that  
11 hospital's certification.

12 B. The secretary may adopt rules to assist and  
13 encourage primary stroke centers to enter into coordinated  
14 stroke care agreements with other health care facilities  
15 throughout the state to provide appropriate access to care for  
16 acute stroke patients."