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H.B. No. 3515

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a statewide system for stroke response and treatment.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 93.001, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subdivisions (3), (4), and (5) to read as follows:

(3) "Department" means the Department of State Health Services.

(4) "Executive commissioner" means the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission.

(5) "Stroke facility" has the meaning assigned by Section 773.202.

SECTION 2. Chapter 93, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. STROKE RESPONSE AND TREATMENT

Sec. 93.101. STATEWIDE SYSTEM FOR STROKE RESPONSE AND TREATMENT. The department, in coordination with the council and the stroke committee appointed under Section 773.023, shall develop and implement a statewide system for stroke response and treatment to achieve continuous improvement in the quality of care provided to stroke patients.

Sec. 93.102. ELECTRONIC STROKE DATABASE; STATISTICAL DATA AND OTHER INFORMATION. (a) In implementing a statewide system for stroke response and treatment, the department shall create and

1 maintain an electronic stroke database by:

2 (1) compiling information and statistical data on
3 stroke care that align with the stroke consensus performance
4 measures developed and approved by the American Heart Association,
5 the American Stroke Association, the Centers for Disease Control
6 and Prevention, and The Joint Commission;

7 (2) using the stroke guidelines and quality
8 improvement program Get With the Guidelines Stroke maintained by
9 the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association
10 or another nationally recognized data system, provided that the
11 department determines that the data system complies with acceptable
12 patient confidentiality standards; and

13 (3) coordinating with national voluntary health
14 organizations involved in stroke care quality improvement to avoid
15 duplication and redundancy in information compiled and maintained
16 under this section.

17 (b) To the extent possible, the department shall:

18 (1) require stroke facilities to report statistical
19 data consistent with nationally recognized guidelines on the
20 treatment of patients who are confirmed to have suffered strokes
21 and encourage emergency medical services providers licensed under
22 Chapter 773 to participate;

23 (2) encourage health care providers to share
24 statistical data and other information about methods for improving
25 the quality of care for stroke patients in this state;

26 (3) facilitate the communication and analysis of
27 statistical data and other information among health care providers

1 who treat stroke patients; and

2 (4) adopt evidence-based treatment guidelines on the
3 transitioning of patients to hospital outpatient, physician
4 office, and health clinic settings in their communities for ongoing
5 care after discharge from stroke facilities following acute
6 treatment for stroke.

7 Sec. 93.103. OVERSIGHT PROCESS AND PLAN FOR QUALITY
8 IMPROVEMENT. The department shall establish an oversight process
9 and implement a plan for achieving continuous quality improvement
10 in the care provided under a statewide system for stroke response
11 and treatment. The process and plan must:

12 (1) analyze statistical data on stroke response and
13 treatment contained in the electronic database established under
14 Section 93.102;

15 (2) identify potential interventions to improve
16 stroke care in geographic regions of this state; and

17 (3) provide recommendations to the department and the
18 legislature for the improvement of stroke care and the delivery of
19 stroke care in this state.

20 Sec. 93.104. AVAILABILITY OF STATISTICAL DATA. The
21 department shall make available all statistical data reported under
22 Section 93.102 to other state agencies, local governmental
23 entities, stroke facilities, and emergency medical services
24 providers licensed under Chapter 773 that are responsible for
25 managing and administering emergency medical services in this
26 state.

27 Sec. 93.105. REPORT. Not later than June 1 of each year,

1 the department shall provide to the governor, lieutenant governor,
2 speaker of the house of representatives, and standing committees of
3 the senate and the house with primary jurisdiction over health
4 matters a report summarizing the data collected under this section
5 and any related findings and recommendations. The department shall
6 post the report on the department's Internet website.

7 Sec. 93.106. CONFIDENTIALITY. Information obtained under
8 this subchapter that identifies a patient, or that is otherwise
9 confidential under law, is excepted from required public disclosure
10 under Chapter 552, Government Code, and may not be disclosed for any
11 purpose.

12 Sec. 93.107. RULEMAKING. The executive commissioner shall
13 adopt rules necessary to implement this subchapter.

14 SECTION 3. Not later than January 1, 2014:

15 (1) the executive commissioner of the Health and Human
16 Services Commission shall adopt the rules necessary to implement
17 Subchapter C, Chapter 93, Health and Safety Code, as added by this
18 Act; and

19 (2) the Department of State Health Services shall
20 establish the statewide system for stroke response and treatment as
21 required by Subchapter C, Chapter 93, Health and Safety Code, as
22 added by this Act.

23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.