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H.B. No. 3516

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a statewide system for the response to and treatment of certain types of heart attacks.

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) and (4) 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.

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

SUBCHAPTER D. HEART ATTACK RESPONSE AND TREATMENT

Sec. 93.151. DEFINITION. In this subchapter, "system" means the statewide system for ST-elevation myocardial infarction heart attack response and treatment.

Sec. 93.152. STATEWIDE SYSTEM. The department, in coordination with the council, shall develop and implement a statewide system for ST-elevation myocardial infarction heart attack response and treatment to achieve continuous improvement in the quality of care provided to ST-elevation myocardial infarction heart attack patients.

Sec. 93.153. ELECTRONIC DATABASE; STATISTICAL DATA AND OTHER INFORMATION. (a) In implementing the system, the department

1 shall create and maintain an electronic database by:

2 (1) compiling information and statistical data on the
3 care and treatment for ST-elevation myocardial infarction heart
4 attacks and other types of heart attacks;

5 (2) using a using a risk-adjusted, outcomes-based,
6 quality improvement registry maintained by the National
7 Cardiovascular Data Registry or another that focuses exclusively on
8 high-risk STEMI/NSTEMI patients; and

9 (3) coordinating with national voluntary health
10 organizations involved in ST-elevation myocardial infarction heart
11 attack care quality improvement to avoid duplication and redundancy
12 in information compiled and maintained under this section.

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

14 (1) require hospitals in this state that provide
15 treatment to ST-elevation myocardial infarction heart attack
16 patients to report statistical data consistent with nationally
17 recognized guidelines on the treatment of patients with confirmed
18 ST-elevation myocardial infarction heart attacks and encourage
19 other hospitals in this state and emergency medical services
20 providers licensed under Chapter 773 to participate;

21 (2) encourage health care providers to share
22 statistical data and other information about methods for improving
23 the quality of care for ST-elevation myocardial infarction heart
24 attack patients in this state;

25 (3) facilitate the communication and analysis of
26 statistical data and other information among health care providers
27 who treat ST-elevation myocardial infarction heart attack

1 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 a hospital following acute treatment for
6 an ST-elevation myocardial infarction heart attack.

7 Sec. 93.154. 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 the system. The process and plan must:

11 (1) analyze statistical data on ST-elevation
12 myocardial infarction heart attack response and treatment
13 contained in the electronic database established under Section
14 93.153;

15 (2) identify potential interventions to improve
16 ST-elevation myocardial infarction heart attack care in geographic
17 regions of this state; and

18 (3) provide recommendations to the department and the
19 legislature for the improvement of ST-elevation myocardial
20 infarction heart attack care and the delivery of that care in this
21 state.

22 Sec. 93.155. AVAILABILITY OF STATISTICAL DATA. The
23 department shall make available all statistical data reported under
24 this subchapter to other state agencies, local governmental
25 entities, hospitals, and emergency medical services providers
26 licensed under Chapter 773 that are responsible for managing and
27 administering emergency medical services in this state.

1 Sec. 93.156. REPORT. Not later than June 1 of each year,
2 the department shall provide to the governor, lieutenant governor,
3 speaker of the house of representatives, and standing committees of
4 the senate and the house with primary jurisdiction over health
5 matters a report summarizing the data collected under this section
6 and any related findings and recommendations. The department shall
7 post the report on the department's Internet website.

8 Sec. 93.157. CONFIDENTIALITY. Information obtained under
9 this subchapter that identifies a patient, or that is otherwise
10 confidential under law, is excepted from required public disclosure
11 under Chapter 552, Government Code, and may not be disclosed for any
12 purpose.

13 Sec. 93.158. RULEMAKING. The executive commissioner shall
14 adopt rules necessary to implement this subchapter.

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

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

20 (2) the Department of State Health Services shall
21 establish the statewide system as required under Subchapter D,
22 Chapter 93, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.

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