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CHAPTER 90

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CHAPTER 90

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE PUBLIC
3 HEALTH ACT TO PROVIDE FOR EXPANDED SOURCES OF ACCREDITATION
4 FOR STROKE CENTERS AND PRE-HOSPITALIZATION PROTOCOLS FOR
5 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITIES.

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

8 SECTION 1. Section 24-1-34 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2012,
9 Chapter 4, Section 1) is amended to read:

10 "24-1-34. PRIMARY STROKE CENTERS--COMPREHENSIVE STROKE
11 CENTERS--ACUTE STROKE CAPABLE CENTERS--DEPARTMENT
12 CERTIFICATION--RULEMAKING.--

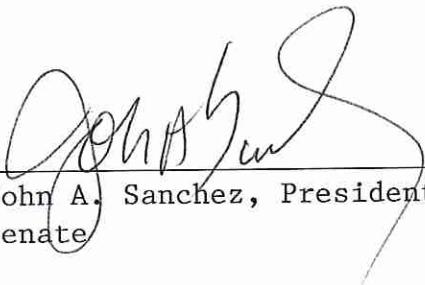
13 A. In accordance with department rules, the
14 department shall certify any acute care hospital as a primary
15 stroke center, comprehensive stroke center or acute stroke
16 capable center if that hospital has been accredited by the
17 joint commission or any other nationally recognized
18 accrediting body as a primary stroke center, comprehensive
19 stroke center or acute stroke capable center. The department
20 shall post information regarding certification on the
21 department's web site. If a hospital loses accreditation as
22 a primary stroke center, comprehensive stroke center or acute
23 stroke capable center, the secretary shall also remove that
24 hospital's certification.

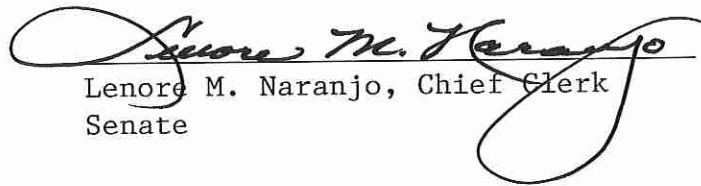
25 B. In accordance with department rules, the

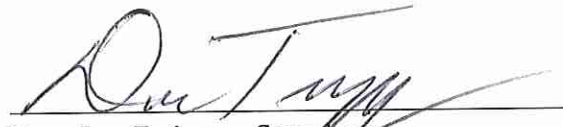
1 emergency medical systems bureau of the department shall work
2 in coordination with all local and regional emergency medical
3 services authorities statewide on the development of
4 pre-hospitalization protocols related to the assessment,
5 treatment and transport of stroke patients by licensed
6 emergency medical services providers. These protocols shall
7 include, at a minimum, plans for the triage and transport of
8 stroke patients to the closest comprehensive or primary
9 stroke center or, when appropriate, to an acute stroke
10 capable center.

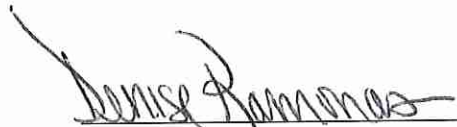
11 C. The secretary may adopt rules to assist and
12 encourage primary stroke centers to enter into coordinated
13 stroke care agreements with other health care facilities
14 throughout the state to provide appropriate access to care for
15 acute stroke patients." _____

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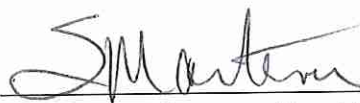

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Approved by me this 8th day of April, 2015


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