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S.F. No. 2508 - Thrombectomy-capable stroke centers designation

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Bill Overview

S.F. 2508 establishes criteria for thrombectomy-capable stroke centers and authorizes hospitals that meet such criteria to apply to the commissioner of health for designation as a thrombectomy-capable stroke center. The bill further adds this new designation to the list of appropriate designated stroke hospitals for which regional emergency medical services programs and ambulance services must include in their protocols for stroke transport.

Section Summaries

Section 1 (adding Minn. Stat. § 144.493, subd. 2a) Section 144.493 currently establishes criteria for hospitals to be designated as a “comprehensive stroke center,” “primary stroke center,” and “acute stroke ready hospital.” This section of the bill adds a fourth designation, and its related criteria, for a “thrombectomy-capable stroke center.” The criteria is that the hospital must be: (1) certified as a thrombectomy-capable stroke center by the joint commission or other nationally recognized accreditation entity, or (2) a primary stroke center that offers mechanical endovascular therapies and has been certified by a department approved certifying body.

Section 2 (amending Minn. Stat. § 144.494, subd. 2) Section 144.494, subd. 2, currently provides that a hospital meeting the criteria for a stroke-related designation may apply to the commissioner of health for such a designation. This section of the bill adds “thrombectomy-capable stroke center” as a permissible designation.

Section 3 (amending Minn. Stat. § 144E.16, subd. 7) Section 144E.16, subd. 7, currently provides that regional emergency medical services programs and ambulance services must have protocols for stroke transport. Such protocols must include standards of care for the transport of acute stroke

patients to the most appropriate designated stroke hospital. This section of the bill adds hospitals designated as “thrombectomy-capable stroke centers” to the list of appropriate designated stroke hospitals.