



April 17, 2024

Senator Melissa Wiklund, Chair  
Health and Human Services Committee  
Minnesota Senate  
St. Paul, MN

Dear Chair Wiklund,

On behalf of the American Heart Association, I want to extend my appreciation to you and the committee for including the stroke thrombectomy capable designation language from Senate File 2508 in the committee's omnibus policy bill (Senate File 4699).

Hospitals designated as thrombectomy-capable stroke centers will ensure that patients can go directly to best-practice facilities that provide the highest standard of care. With the passage of this legislation, stroke patients can be transported to the appropriate facility equipped to provide advanced stroke treatment and strengthen the continuum of care across our state and help ensure patients receive the appropriate care they need when they need it.

The AHA applauds Senator Alice Mann for authoring this important legislation and extends our appreciation to you and the committee for supporting this life-changing proposal in your policy bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul L. Weirtz".

Paul L. Weirtz