

Subject Thrombectomy-capable stroke centers

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Overview

A thrombectomy is a procedure in which one or more blood clots are removed from a patient's blood vessel. A thrombectomy may be surgical or may be performed using a catheter. This bill specifies criteria a hospital must meet to be certified by the commissioner of health as a thrombectomy-capable stroke center, and allows hospitals to be certified for a three-year period, consistent with certification for other types of stroke centers.

Summary

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1	Thrombectomy-capable stroke center.
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Adds subd. 2a to § 144.493. States a hospital meets the criteria for a thrombectomy-capable stroke center if the hospital:

- is certified as a thrombectomy-capable stroke center by the Joint Commission (a hospital accreditation organization) or another nationally recognized accreditation organization; or
- is a primary stroke center that has attained a level of stroke care distinction by offering mechanical endovascular therapies and has been certified by a department-approved certifying body that is a nationally recognized, guidelines-based organization.

2	Designation.
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Amends § 144.494, subd. 2. Allows a hospital that voluntarily meets the criteria for a thrombectomy-capable stroke center to apply to the commissioner of health for that designation. If the commissioner approves the application, provides the hospital shall be designated as such for a three-year period.

3	Stroke transport protocols.
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Amends § 144E.16, subd. 7. Adds thrombectomy-capable stroke centers to the types of stroke centers for which regional emergency medical services programs and

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	ambulance services must develop transport standards for acute stroke patients, as part of their stroke transport protocols.
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