

1 individual's ability to pay for services, on an immediate and
2 emergent basis through an established emergency department and a
3 continuous treatment basis on its premises for more than twenty-
4 four hours; and

5 (2) "Primary stroke center certification" means certification
6 for acute care hospitals issued by the Joint Commission on
7 Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) or another
8 Department of Health and acute Resources approved, nationally
9 recognized organization that provides disease specific
10 certification for stroke care that:

11 (A) Complies with census-based national standards and safety
12 goals;

13 (B) Effectively uses evidence-based clinical practice
14 guidelines to manage and optimize care; and

15 (C) Uses an organized approach to measure performance.

16 (b) The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human
17 Resources shall designate as a primary stroke center any acute care
18 hospital which has received a primary stroke center certification.

19 (c) The secretary shall suspend or revoke an acute care
20 hospital's designation as a primary stroke center if certification
21 is withdrawn by JCAHO or another approved certifying organization.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to designate certain
hospitals as primary care centers.

This section is new; therefore, strike-throughs and

underscoring have been omitted.