

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1867

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to acute coronary syndrome (ACS); directing establishment of certain hospital designation system for specified purpose; establishing designations and qualifications for heart attack centers; making designation automatic; directing and authorizing the State Department of Health to access certain information; requiring annual update of designations; directing maintenance and publication of certain list; requiring the Department to share list with certain emergency medical services officials; directing establishment of certain protocols for ACS patients; requiring protocols to include certain information and considerations; mandating certain training protocols; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2531.1 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. For the purpose of promoting and coordinating an improved model of emergency care for acute coronary syndrome (ACS) patients, the State Department of Health shall establish a system of hospital designations as provided by this section.

1 B. The Department shall designate hospitals licensed by the
2 Department that meet the qualifications established in this
3 subsection according to the designation levels established herein.

4 1. A hospital that meets one or more of the following criteria
5 shall be designated as a Level 1 Heart Attack Center:

- 6 a. Comprehensive Heart Attack Center certification issued
7 by the Joint Commission and the American Heart
8 Association,
- 9 b. Chest Pain Center with Primary Percutaneous Coronary
10 Intervention (PCI) and Resuscitation Accreditation
11 issued by the American College of Cardiology, or
- 12 c. substantially equivalent qualifications as determined
13 by the State Commissioner of Health.

14 2. A hospital that meets one or more of the following criteria
15 shall be designated as a Level 2 Heart Attack Center:

- 16 a. Primary Heart Attack Center certification issued by
17 the Joint Commission and the American Heart
18 Association,
- 19 b. Chest Pain Center with Primary PCI Accreditation
20 issued by the American College of Cardiology, or
- 21 c. substantially equivalent qualifications as determined
22 by the Commissioner.

23 3. A hospital that meets one or more of the following criteria
24 shall be designated as a Level 3 Heart Attack Center:

- a. Acute Heart Attack Ready certification issued by the Joint Commission and the American Heart Association,
- b. Chest Pain Center Accreditation issued by the American College of Cardiology, or
- c. substantially equivalent qualifications as determined by the Commissioner.

C. 1. Designation as a heart attack center under this section shall be automatic, and a hospital shall not be required to apply or reapply for such designation. The Department shall access publicly available information on certification, accreditation, or other qualifications from, and may obtain additional information as necessary from, the Joint Commission, the American Heart Association, the American College of Cardiology, or any other appropriate entity to discern qualifications of hospitals for the designations established under this section.

2. The Department shall update designations not less than annually. The Department shall access the information described in paragraph 1 of this subsection and shall:

- a. designate all hospitals that currently meet the applicable qualifications, and
- b. remove designation of hospitals that no longer meet the qualifications.

D. 1. The Department shall establish and maintain a categorized list of hospitals designated as heart attack centers

1 under this section. The Department shall publish the list on its
2 Internet website.

3 2. Not less than annually, the Department shall, for the
4 purpose of implementing Section 2 of this act, send the list to the
5 medical director of each ambulance service licensed by the
6 Department and each regional medical director of an emergency
7 medical services region.

8 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
9 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2531.2 of Title 63, unless
10 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

11 A. All ambulance authorities in this state shall establish pre-
12 hospital care protocols related to the assessment, treatment,
13 transport, and routing of acute coronary syndrome (ACS) patients by
14 ambulance services licensed by the State Department of Health.

15 B. Such protocols shall take into account the heart attack
16 center designations for hospitals established under Section 1 of
17 this act. Routing protocols for triage and transport of ACS
18 patients or other time-sensitive cardiac patients shall include the
19 distance to the nearest designated heart attack center appropriate
20 for the condition of the patient.

21 C. All ambulance authorities in this state shall establish, as
22 part of current training requirements, protocols to assure that
23 licensed ambulance services receive training on the assessment,
24 triage, and treatment of ACS patients. Training shall include the

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use of an ACS screening instrument including, but not limited to, an electrocardiogram and other cardiac life-saving equipment.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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