Emergency care—stroke and acute heart attack patients.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Craft and Coe and Representative(s) Dayton, Hunt, Kasperik, Northrup and Wilson

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to health care facilities; providing for designation of hospitals as acute stroke ready centers; requiring emergency medical services providers to adopt protocols for stroke and acute heart attack patients as specified; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 35-2-1001(a)(intro), (iii), by creating a new paragraph (v) and (d) by creating a new paragraph (v) is amended to read:

35-2-1001. Designation of heart attack and stroke centers.
(a) The department of health shall establish by rule and regulation the process for recognition and designation of hospitals as any one (1) or more of the following:

(iii) Comprehensive stroke centers; and

(v) Acute stroke ready centers.

(d) The department shall adopt rules and regulations to enforce this article, which shall include all of the following:

(v) Evidence based prehospital care protocols for emergency medical services providers to assess, treat and transport stroke and acute heart attack patients. The office of emergency medical services shall work in coordination with licensed emergency medical providers in developing the protocols which shall include:

(A) Plans for the triage and transport of stroke patients to the closest comprehensive or primary stroke center or, when appropriate, to an acute stroke ready center;
(B) Plans for the triage and transport of acute heart attack patients to the closest receiving or referring center within a specified time after a patient's report of symptoms.

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2015.