




South Carolina Updates

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SC Stroke Systems of Care

- “Stroke Systems of Care Act of 2011” became law in June of 2011
- First Stroke Legislation for SC
- Currently no appropriation of funding to enable law



Priority Recommendations: “Stroke System of Care Act of 2011”

- Identifies Primary Stroke Centers and hospitals that are acute stroke capable, oversight by DHEC.
- EMS providers to transport stroke patients to the nearest appropriate stroke capable facility.
- Allows hospitals that do not have primary stroke center certification, but use telemedicine, to be integrated into a statewide stroke system of care to allow rapid diagnosis and treatment for patients in rural areas.
- Establishes pre-hospital protocols related to the assessment, treatment, and transport of stroke patients by licensed EMS.
- Establishes a Stroke System of Care Advisory Council and a Stroke Registry Task Force to analyze data generated by a statewide stroke registry database and identify interventions to improve stroke care.

