

# HOUSE BILL 5742

## *Moving Stroke Care Forward in Illinois*

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# The 2009 Primary Stroke Center Law

- Five years ago, the '09 Primary Stroke Center Law created the legal framework for greater-than-the-sum-of-their-part stroke systems in Illinois encompassing hospitals, EMS providers, and the IL Dept. of Public Health (IDPH)
- Since that time, 48 hospitals have been designated as Primary Stroke Centers, and 35 hospitals have been designated as Emergent Stroke Ready Hospitals, with many more awaiting approval

## The 2009 PSC Law cont.

- To give you a sense of what this has meant for patients, consider this:
  - in 2009, just under 17% of stroke patients received life-saving tPA medication within the nationally-recommended 60-minute door-to-needle window
  - in 2013, just over 45% of stroke patients received tPA within that same 60-minute window, which we know correlates with lives saved and reduced disability

# The 2009 PSC Law cont.

- The 2009 Primary Stroke Center Law also created two new levels of oversight:
  - An IDPH-Director appointed State Stroke Advisory Committee (a subcommittee of the State EMS Advisory Council comprised of neurologists, emergency physicians, stroke coordinators, EMS providers, and stroke survivors) tasked with advising IDPH on stroke-related issues
  - 11 Regional Stroke Advisory Committees in each of Illinois' 11 EMS regions tasked with advising regional EMS medical directors on stroke policy and facilitating the creation of a new regional stroke identification and transport protocols making use of newly available stroke center designations

## The 2009 PSC Law cont.

- Given the welcome advances in stroke care techniques and technology over the last five years, the State Stroke Advisory Committee urged the legislature to pass additional legislation in 2014 updating Illinois' stroke care statute to ensure that stroke care in Illinois has a clear path to continued improvement
- At the State Stroke Advisory Committee's request, the American Heart Association & American Stroke Association led the effort to draft, introduce, and pass that new legislation

# House Bill 5742

- Introduced in the House by Rep. Robyn Gabel and sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Heather Steans, HB 5742 passed the legislature and was signed into law by Governor Quinn on August 18, 2014
- While the initial policy elements of HB 5742 were drafted by the State Stroke Advisory Committee in consultation with the American Stroke Association, the final language of the bill was drafted with input from the Illinois Hospital Association, the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network, and the Illinois Dept. of Public Health, amongst others

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- This crucial legislation will allow Illinois to take full advantage of advances in technology, techniques, and standards of stroke care developed since 2009, including:
  - allowing the Illinois Dept. of Public Health to designate Comprehensive Stroke Centers
  - aligning Emergent Stroke Ready Hospitals with national Acute Stroke Ready standards and transitioning to Acute Stroke Ready nomenclature
  - facilitating the creation of an Illinois stroke data registry via a new IDPH hospital stroke designation fee of \$100 - \$500 per year depending on level of care, with funds obligated to IDPH stroke registry and stroke programs

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## Supporters of HB 5742 include:

- American Heart Association & American Stroke Association
- Associated Fire Fighters of IL
- IL College of Emergency Physicians
- IL Critical Access Hospital Network
- IL Dept. of Public Health
- IL EMS Alliance
- IL EMS Advisory Council
- IL Fire Chiefs Association
- Midwest Stroke Action Alliance
- Southern IL Healthcare
- State Stroke Advisory Committee
- Stroke Survivors Empowering Each Other

# Questions?

Thanks for your time!

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