STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. RIVERA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to prehospital emergency medical care policies and procedures for certain stroke patients

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3004 to read as follows:

§ 3004. Prehospital emergency medical care and transportation; certain stroke patients. The department, the state emergency medical services council and the regional emergency medical services council shall update their policies, procedures, and protocols for prehospital emergency medical care and transportation related to the assessment, treatment and transport of stroke patients by a provider of an emergency medical service or an ambulance service. Such policies, procedures, and protocols shall include point-of-entry criteria and plan for the triage and transport of stroke patients who may have an emergent large vessel occlusion, to the most appropriate facility that offers neuroendovascular treatment within a specified timeframe of onset of symptoms. For purposes of this section, an "appropriate facility that offers neuroendovascular treatment" shall mean a hospital, as defined in subdivision one of section twenty-eight hundred one of this chapter, with the capabilities to properly assess, diagnose, using advanced imaging devices, and treat stroke patients with complex cases of ischemic stroke, including emergent large vessel occlusion caused by the loss of blood supply to a part of the brain, or hemorrhagic stroke, caused by bleeding of the brain, and requiring immediate treatment at a hospital with a trained team of neurointerventional surgeons, vascular neurologists and assisting medical personnel and the ability to perform a mechanical thrombectomy twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week to treat the stroke. The department shall identify facilities that satisfy such criteria.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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After the effective date of this section, the department, the state emergency medical services council, and the regional emergency medical services council shall annually review and update, if appropriate, their policies, procedures, and protocols for prehospital emergency medical care and transportation to ensure stroke patients are transported to the most appropriate hospital in accordance with this section.

§ 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2022. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.