

AN ACT in relation to public health. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding Section 2310-372 as follows:

(20 ILCS 2310/2310-372 new)

Sec. 2310-372. Stroke Task Force

(a) The Stroke Task Force is created within the Department of Public Health.

(b) The task force shall be composed of the following members:

(1) Nineteen members appointed by the Director of Public Health from nominations submitted to the Director by the following organizations, one member to represent each organization: the American Stroke Association; the National Stroke Association; the Illinois State Medical Society; the Illinois Neurological Society; the Illinois Academy of Family Physicians; the Illinois Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians; the Illinois Chapter of the American College of Cardiology; the Illinois Nurses Association; the Illinois Hospital and Health Systems Association; the Illinois Physical Therapy Association; the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association; the Illinois Rural Health Association; the Illinois Chapter of AARP; the Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities; the Illinois Life Insurance Council; the Illinois Public Health Association; the Illinois Speech-Language Hearing Association; the American Association of Neurological Surgeons; and the Illinois Health Care Cost Containment Council.

(2) Five members appointed by the Governor as follows: one stroke survivor; one licensed emergency medical technician; one individual who (i) holds the degree of Medical Doctor or Doctor of Philosophy and (ii) is a teacher or researcher at a teaching or research university located in Illinois; one individual who is a minority person as defined in the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act; and one member of the general public.

(3) The following ex officio members: the chairperson of the Senate Public Health Committee; the minority spokesperson of the Senate Public Health Committee; the chairperson of the House Health Care Committee; and the minority spokesperson of the House Health Care Committee.

The Director of Public Health shall serve as the chairperson of the task force. If a vacancy occurs in the task force membership, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the initial appointment.

(c) Task force members shall serve without compensation, but nonpublic members shall be reimbursed for their reasonable travel expenses incurred in performing their duties in connection with the task force.

(d) The task force shall adopt bylaws; shall meet at least 3 times each calendar year; and may establish committees as it deems necessary. For purposes of task force meetings, a quorum is the number of members present at a meeting. Meetings of the task force are subject to the Open Meetings Act. The task force must afford an opportunity for public comment at its meetings.

(e) The task force shall advise the Department of Public Health with regard to setting priorities for improvements in stroke prevention and treatment efforts, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) Developing and implementing a comprehensive statewide public education program on stroke prevention, targeted to high-risk populations and to geographic areas where there is a high incidence of stroke.
- (2) Identifying the signs and symptoms of stroke and the action to be taken when these signs or symptoms occur.
- (3) Recommending and disseminating guidelines on the treatment of stroke patients, including emergency stroke care.
- (4) Ensuring that the public and health care providers and institutions are sufficiently informed regarding the most effective strategies for stroke prevention; and assisting health care providers in using the most effective treatment strategies for stroke.
- (5) Addressing means by which guidelines may be revised to remain current with developing treatment methodologies.

(f) The task force shall advise the Department of Public Health concerning the awarding of grants to providers of emergency medical services and to hospitals for the purpose of improving care to stroke patients.

(g) The task force shall submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1 of each year, beginning in 2003. The report must include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- (1) The task force's plans, actions, and recommendations.
- (2) An accounting of moneys spent for grants and for other purposes.

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law. Passed in the General Assembly, May 08, 2002. Approved July 19, 2002. Effective July 19, 2002.