

1 SENATE BILL 414

2 **54TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2019**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO HEALTH; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978 TO
12 PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MOBILE STROKE UNIT AT THE
13 UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER; ENACTING A NEW
14 SECTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 HEALTH TO ESTABLISH A STROKE EMERGENCY TRAUMA HELP TASK FORCE
16 AND A STROKE EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM; MAKING
17 APPROPRIATIONS.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

20 SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] MOBILE STROKE UNIT--UNIVERSITY
21 OF NEW MEXICO HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER.--The board of regents of
22 the university of New Mexico shall purchase a mobile stroke
23 unit at the university of New Mexico health sciences center
24 specializing in neurological trauma care to serve patients
25 statewide.

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1 SECTION 2. A new section of the Public Health Act is
2 enacted to read:

3 "[NEW MATERIAL] STROKE EMERGENCY TRAUMA HELP TASK FORCE--
4 MEETINGS--STROKE EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM.--

5 A. By July 1, 2019, the secretary shall establish a
6 "stroke emergency trauma help task force" that advances best
7 practices and treatment guidelines for stroke diagnosis and
8 care. The governor shall appoint members of the task force as
9 follows:

10 (1) one representative of each primary stroke
11 center in the state;

12 (2) five emergency medical service providers,
13 including:

14 (a) one emergency medical services
15 provider who is currently employed by a county emergency
16 medical services system located in an urban area; and

17 (b) one emergency medical services
18 provider who is currently employed by a county emergency
19 medical services system located in a rural area;

20 (3) one representative of an emergency
21 communications district board; and

22 (4) one representative of the department with
23 expertise in stroke diagnosis and treatment.

24 B. Meetings of the stroke emergency trauma help
25 task force shall receive no compensation for their service on

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1 the task force.

2 C. The department shall provide the stroke
3 emergency trauma help task force with:

4 (1) teleconference capabilities to allow
5 members to attend task force meetings by teleconference; and

6 (2) audio access to task force meetings for
7 the public.

8 D. By September 1, 2019, the department shall
9 assist the stroke emergency trauma help task force in providing
10 a progress report and recommendations for stroke diagnosis and
11 treatment best practices to the legislative health and human
12 services committee.

13 E. By September 1, 2020, the stroke emergency
14 trauma help task force shall make final recommendations to the
15 legislative health and human services committee on:

16 (1) a mandatory statewide data collection
17 registry specific to stroke patients;

18 (2) the potential need for state funding in
19 order to offset the costs of stroke-related data collection for
20 hospitals and other health care providers;

21 (3) the need for state-sanctioned designations
22 for hospitals to indicate the hospitals' readiness to treat
23 stroke patients on an emergency basis; and

24 (4) the need and advisability of destination
25 guidelines or standards related to stroke care for emergency

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1 medical services personnel.

2 F. The secretary shall establish a stroke education
3 and training program that advances the practice of initial
4 stroke diagnosis through assessment of a patient's balance,
5 eyes, face, arms and speech in a timely manner. The secretary
6 shall adopt and promulgate guidelines for initial stroke
7 diagnosis for the education and training program in accordance
8 with the stroke best practices task force's recommendations."

9 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION.--Eight hundred thousand dollars
10 (\$800,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board
11 of regents of the university of New Mexico for expenditure in
12 fiscal year 2020 to fund the purchase and operation of a mobile
13 stroke unit at the university of New Mexico health sciences
14 center to provide stroke care statewide. Any unexpended or
15 unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2020
16 shall revert to the general fund.

17 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION.--Five hundred thousand dollars
18 (\$500,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the board
19 of regents of the university of New Mexico for expenditure in
20 fiscal year 2020 to provide for medical staff specializing in
21 neurological trauma care at the university of New Mexico health
22 sciences center. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance
23 remaining at the end of fiscal year 2020 shall revert to the
24 general fund.

25 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION.--One hundred thousand dollars

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1 (\$100,000) is appropriated from the general fund to the
2 department of health for expenditure in fiscal year 2020 to
3 fund the department's stroke education and training program
4 established pursuant to Subsection F of Section 2 of this act.
5 Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of
6 fiscal year 2020 shall revert to the general fund.

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