

# Stroke Systems Designation Policy in North Carolina

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**Senate Bill 456 passed in 2013**

- ☐ **NC statute 131E-78.5**
- ☐ **Designates Primary Stroke Centers**
- ☐ **Enabled the Department to adopt rules to implement the designation**

**Stroke Center Designation Rules - effective in 2015**

- ☐ **10A NCAC 14L .0101 (Definitions) and 10A NCAC 14L. 0201 (Requirements)**
- ☐ **Includes Primary Stroke Centers, Comprehensive Stroke Centers and Acute Stroke Ready Hospitals in the designation**

# **American Stroke Association Policy Statement Recommendations for the Establishment of Stroke Systems of Care: A 2019 Update A Policy Statement From the American Stroke Association**

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# Recommendation

- Add Thrombectomy-Capable Stroke Centers to the state designation (via legislation)
- Since the original 2013 legislation only references Primary Stroke Centers, include Acute Stroke Ready Hospitals and Comprehensive Stroke Centers in the legislative update

# Comments/Questions