



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1400

PRINTERS NO. 3479

PRIME SPONSOR: Reichley

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2011/12	FY 2012/13
General Fund	\$0	\$0

**SUMMARY:** Creates the Primary Stroke Center Recognition Act establishing a statewide stroke system of care by recognized stroke centers and the training/transport protocols for emergency medical services providers. The effective date is in 60 days.

**ANALYSIS:** This legislation would require the Department of Health to recognize a licensed acute care hospital as a primary stroke center if the hospital is certified as a primary stroke center by the Joint Commission or another nationally recognized accrediting organization that provides certification for stroke care. The designation would remain in effect for as long as the hospital remains certified as a primary stroke center. The department would also be required to make available a list of accredited primary stroke centers to each emergency medical services agency medical director and to distribute a nationally recognized standardized stroke triage assessment tool; to establish protocols related to prehospital assessment, treatment and transport of stroke patients by licensed emergency medical services providers; to establish protocols to ensure certified emergency medical services providers within their scope of practice receive regular training on assessment/treatment of stroke patients; and to prepare/file a biennial report by July 1 in odd numbered years in conjunction with its review of emergency medical services protocols. The legislation would require that, within 60 days of the effective date, each emergency medical services provider is in compliance with all protocols and promulgated regulations.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Enactment of this legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds; this estimate assumes that any cost that might be associated with implementation could be absorbed by the department.

According to the Joint Commission website the following hold an advanced certification in stroke (Primary Stroke Center): Abington Memorial Hospital, Albert Einstein Medical Center (also Moss Rehab Einstein at Elkins Park), Allegheny General Hospital, Altoona Regional Health System (also Seventh Avenue Campus at ARHS), Bryn Mawr Hospital, Chester County Hospital, Chestnut Hill Hospital, Crozer-Chester Medical Center (also Taylor Hospital), Delaware County Memorial Hospital, Doylestown Hospital, Ephrata Community Hospital, Geisinger Medical Center, Grand View Hospital, Hahnemann University Hospital, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Jeanes Hospital, Lancaster General Hospital, Lankenau Medical

Center, Lehigh Valley Health Network-Cedar Crest/ 17<sup>th</sup> & Crew/Muhlenburg, Memorial Medical Center, Mercy Fitzgerald Hospital (also Mercy Philadelphia), Nazareth Hospital, Paoli Hospital, Penn State Hershey Medical Center, PinnacleHealth-Harrisburg Hospital/Community General Osteopathic Hospital, Reading Hospital and Medical Center, Riddle Memorial Hospital, Sacred Heart Hospital, Saint Vincent Health Center, St. Luke's Hospital (also St. Luke's Allentown), Saint Mary Medical Center, Temple University Hospital, Western Pa Hospital-Forbes Regional Campus, Williamsport Hospital and Medical Center, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, UPMC-Hamot Medical Center, UPMC-Mercy, UPMC-Northwest, UPMC-Presbyterian (also Shadyside), UPMC-St. Margaret at UPP Division of General Surgery, Wilkes-Barre General and York Hospital.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*