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DATE: March 1, 2023

TO: All Designated Stroke Centers

RE: New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) Guidance for Certifying Organizations, Hospitals and Health Systems for Stroke Services in New York State.

From: Office of Quality and Patient Safety, Clinical Center, Stroke Designation Program

To promote patient safety and to improve the quality of care for all New Yorkers receiving care and treatment for suspected stroke, the Office of Quality and Patient Safety (OQPS) of the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is publishing updated Guidance for Certifying Organizations, Hospitals and Health Systems for Stroke Services in New York State. This updated guidance was developed by the OQPS Stroke Designation Program based on recommendations of the Stroke Advisory Group.

The approved Certifying Organizations have received a copy of Version 23.1 of the New York State Stroke Services Guidance Document. The NYSDOH will require that Certifying Organizations include Version 23.1 of the New York State Stroke Services Guidance Document standards for initial certification and recertification of Designated Stroke Centers effective September 1, 2023. This guidance is to be adopted by all Designated Stroke Centers in New York State.

New York State Stroke Services Guidance Document will be posted on the NYSDOH Stroke Designation Program website:

<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/cardiovascular/stroke/designation/>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or my staff, at OQPS-OMD@health.ny.gov.

Sincerely,

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