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"An Act related to medical care for major emergencies."

Section 1. Amends AS 18.08.010

Section 1, subsections 1-3 adds "major emergencies" to the existing emergency medical services (EMS) system. Currently, only trauma care appears in statute, and the addition of "major emergencies" will allow the Department of Health (DOH) to include time-sensitive emergencies such as heart attacks and strokes to their EMS review system.

Section 1, subsection 4, addresses the trauma center designation status for hospitals and clinics and gives the statutory authority for DOH to adopt criteria for those health centers to represent themselves as being capable of treating major emergencies.

Section 2. Amends AS 18.08.082 adds a new subsection (d)

Subsection (d) specifies that the regulations governing the designations of medical facilities to provide varying levels of care for major emergencies must be based on nationally accredited standards and procedures.

Section 3. Amends AS 18.08.200 by adding a new paragraph:

This is the definition section for the chapter, and "major emergency" is added and defined as heart attack and stroke.

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