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House Health and Social Services Committee
Alaska House of Representatives
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RE: Follow up to inquiries (H)HSS committee April 2, 2024

Dear Chair Prax and Honorable Members,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Department of Health's authority with regard to designation of facilities.

Does the Department of Health currently have the statutory authority to designate facilities as a major emergency center (stroke and/or heart attack)?

The Department of Health does not have the statutory authority to designate facilities as a major emergency center. Under AS 18.08 the department has broad authority but not to this level.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heidi Hedberg".

Heidi Hedberg

Commissioner