

1 **"§ 143-509. Powers and duties of Secretary.**

2 The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services has full
3 responsibilities for supervision and direction of the emergency medical services
4 program and, to that end, shall accomplish all of the following:

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6 "(13) Establish and maintain a Stroke Advisory Council, which shall advise
7 the Secretary regarding the development of a statewide system of
8 stroke care that shall include, among other items, a system for
9 identifying and disseminating information about the location of
10 primary stroke centers. The Secretary shall appoint the members of the
11 Stroke Advisory Council as follows:

- 12 a. Three physicians, one upon the recommendation of the North
13 Carolina Medical Society, one upon the recommendation of the
14 North Carolina College of Emergency Physicians, and one who
15 specializes in the treatment of strokes.
16 b. A hospital administrator recommended by the North Carolina
17 Hospital Association.
18 c. A representative from the American Heart Association.
19 d. A representative from the North Carolina Association of Rescue
20 and Emergency Medical Services.
21 e. Other relevant experts as the Secretary deems beneficial to
22 achieve the goals of the Stroke Advisory Council."

23 **SECTION 2.** Not later than February 15, 2007, the Department of Health
24 and Human Services shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental
25 Operations, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and
26 Human Services, the Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services,
27 and the Fiscal Research Division on the development of a statewide system of stroke
28 care.

29 **SECTION 3.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
30 members of the Stroke Advisory Council shall, for the 2006-2007 fiscal year only, serve
31 without compensation and without reimbursement for travel, food, and lodging.

32 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.