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TO: Members of the Health Planning Committee

FROM: Charles Abel, Acting Director
Center for Health Facility Planning, Licensure and Finance

DATE: August 6, 2015

SUBJECT: **Application for Designation as Hospital Stroke Centers –
Jones Memorial Hospital**

Enclosed is the staff recommendation requesting approval for stroke center designation for Jones Memorial Hospital.

Jones Memorial Hospital is the only hospital Alleghany County. Staff in the central office and the Western Regional office have reviewed the application and found it acceptable with certain contingencies.

The department's process is to have the PHHPC approve the staff recommendation and then staff will conduct an on-site visit. We are seeking the council's endorsement of this recommendation with contingencies.

With the approval of Jones Memorial Hospital, Alleghany County will have a designated Stroke Center and will be the 120th designated stroke center in the state.

Once designated, the regional emergency medical services council will be notified and local EMS can begin directing patients to Jones Memorial. EMS protocol provides for bypass of hospitals which are not so designated.

APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATED STROKE CENTER
Staff Report

Hospital: Eva Benedict
Chief Executive Officer
Jones Memorial Hospital
191 North Main Street
Wellsville, NY 14895

Findings:

- Meets the criteria for designation of stroke center
- The stroke center has been established and is operational with written policy and procedures
- There is a dedicated acute stroke team and it is staffed by qualified healthcare professionals with contingency
- The medical director meets the criteria for training as delineated by the Department with contingency
- The stroke center has a designated stroke unit
- Neuro-imaging services available 24/7 to perform and read CT/MRI scans consistent with time targets acceptable to Department
- Policies and Procedures exist for laboratory services 24/7 with laboratory results for acute stroke patients being a priority
- Evidence of ongoing patient and community education services has been submitted with contingency
- Quality improvement committee has been established

Approval Contingency Upon:

- Submission of evidence that Stroke Director meets two of the four criteria
- Submission of evidence that even physicians who are board certified must meet continuing educational requirements
- Submission of evidence that primary care physicians who treat stroke patients in the ICU meet the educational requirements
- Submission of evidence of educational requirements for OT/PT/Speech
- Submission of revised transfer agreement which indicate that services are available within 2 hours of being deemed clinically necessary

- Submission of community education efforts being met twice a year
- Submission of quality data for benchmarking including additional measures of NIHSS and discharge destination

Recommendations:

- Approval