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The American Stroke Association Policy Statement Recommendations for Establishment of Stroke "System of Care" advises that hospital roles in the delivery of acute stroke care be identified. All stratifications presented on this map were derived from information reported by Virginia hospitals in a statewide survey and from quantitative data provided by Virginia Health Information. This information will be updated periodically.