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Senator Cherie Buckner-Webb Recovering from Mild Stroke

Sen. Cherie Buckner-Webb is recovering after treatment for a mild stroke. Buckner-Webb said she is fortunate to be surrounded by family and friends and to have received excellent professional care. "I will be standing tall as the Legislative session begins," Buckner-Webb said.

Buckner-Webb, who is the Senate Minority Caucus Chair, attributes her quick recovery to getting immediate treatment after a family member noticed that she was showing signs of a stroke last week. Buckner-Webb encourages everyone to familiarize themselves with the signs of a stroke. The American Stroke Association has developed a checklist called F.A.S.T (www.strokeassociation.org):

F—Face-drooping: Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the smile uneven?

A—Arm weakness: Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

S—Speech difficulty: Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like, "The sky is blue." Is the sentence repeated correctly?

T—Time to call 9-1-1. If someone shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get the person to the hospital immediately. Check the time so you will know when the symptoms first appeared.

Sen. Buckner-Webb said she is blessed that her family members were alert but she can also attribute her good prognosis to communication technology. She was speaking with her son, Phillip, and granddaughter using the FaceTime application on her iPhone. During that conversation, her son noticed that her face looked unusual and her speech was slurred. Quick action results in the best outcome.

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