**Table 4. Perceived Best First Action to Take When Stroke Symptoms Are Recognized**

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| **What is the BEST FIRST ACTION that should be taken if you recognize stroke symptoms?** | **Patient Responses** | **Family Responses** |
| Activate the emergency (911) system | 90% | 94% |
| Go or take the patient straight to the hospital | 8% | 5% |
| Wait and see if symptoms improve | 1% | 0 |
| Call the doctor’s office | 1% | 1% |