

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to cardiac programs; amending s.
 3 408.0361, F.S.; granting an exception from volume
 4 requirements for diagnostic cardiac catheterization
 5 procedures and ischemic heart disease diagnoses for
 6 certain hospitals providing adult cardiovascular
 7 services; providing an effective date.

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 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 11 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
 12 408.0361, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 408.0361 Cardiovascular services and burn unit licensure.—

14 (3) In establishing rules for adult cardiovascular
 15 services, the agency shall include provisions that allow for:

16 (b)1. For a hospital seeking a Level I program,
 17 demonstration that, for the most recent 12-month period as
 18 reported to the agency, it has provided a minimum of 300 adult
 19 inpatient and outpatient diagnostic cardiac catheterizations or,
 20 for the most recent 12-month period, has discharged or
 21 transferred at least 300 patients ~~inpatients~~ with the principal
 22 diagnosis of ischemic heart disease and that it has a
 23 formalized, written transfer agreement with a hospital that has
 24 a Level II program, including written transport protocols to
 25 ensure safe and efficient transfer of a patient within 60

26 minutes. ~~However,~~

27 2.a. A hospital located more than 100 road miles from the
28 closest Level II adult cardiovascular services program does not
29 need to meet the diagnostic cardiac catheterization volume and
30 ischemic heart disease diagnosis volume requirements in
31 subparagraph 1. if the hospital demonstrates that it has, for
32 the most recent 12-month period as reported to the agency,
33 provided a minimum of 100 adult inpatient and outpatient
34 diagnostic cardiac catheterizations or that, for the most recent
35 12-month period, it has discharged or transferred at least 300
36 patients with the principal diagnosis of ischemic heart disease.

37 b. A hospital located more than 100 road miles from the
38 closest Level II adult cardiovascular services program does not
39 need to meet the 60-minute transfer time protocol requirement in
40 subparagraph 1. if the hospital demonstrates that it has a
41 formalized, written transfer agreement with a hospital that has
42 a Level II program. The agreement must include written transport
43 protocols to ensure the safe and efficient transfer of a
44 patient, taking into consideration the patient's clinical and
45 physical characteristics, road and weather conditions, and
46 viability of ground and air ambulance service to transfer the
47 patient.

48 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.