

By Representative Wasserman Schultz

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to regional perinatal intensive
3 care centers; amending s. 383.19, F.S.;
4 providing that the Department of Health may
5 designate additional qualified centers as the
6 department considers necessary; providing that,
7 beyond a specified number of such centers, any
8 additional center, and physicians' services
9 performed in such additional centers, are
10 ineligible for funding under s. 409.9112, F.S.;
11 directing the department to develop a needs
12 assessment methodology; requiring expansion of
13 the program to be based on certain criteria;
14 providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 383.19, Florida
19 Statutes, is amended to read:

20 383.19 Standards; funding; ineligibility.--

21 (2)(a) The Department of Health shall designate at
22 least one regional perinatal intensive care center to serve a
23 geographic area representing each region of the state in which
24 at least 10,000 live births occur per year, but in no case may
25 there be more than 11 regional perinatal intensive care
26 centers established unless specifically authorized in the
27 appropriations act or in this subsection. The department may
28 designate additional regional perinatal intensive care centers
29 as the department considers necessary; however, if more than
30 11 centers are designated, any additional centers are
31 ineligible for funding under s. 409.9112, and a physician who

1 works in any such additional center is ineligible for funding
2 under s. 409.9112 for the services that he or she provides in
3 connection with that center. The department shall develop a
4 needs assessment methodology based on criteria that assesses
5 that a need exists. Notwithstanding the requirement to
6 designate one regional perinatal intensive care center for
7 each area in which at least 10,000 live births occur each
8 year, any expansion of the program shall be based on criteria
9 as developed by the department.

10 (b) Medicaid reimbursement must ~~shall~~ be made for
11 services provided to patients who are Medicaid recipients.
12 Medicaid reimbursement for in-center obstetrical physician
13 services must ~~shall~~ be based upon the obstetrical care group
14 payment system. Medicaid reimbursement for in-center neonatal
15 physician services must ~~shall~~ be based upon the neonatal care
16 group payment system. These prospective payment systems,
17 developed by the department, must place patients into
18 homogeneous groups based on clinical factors, severity of
19 illness, and intensity of care. Outpatient obstetrical
20 services and other related services, such as consultations,
21 must ~~shall~~ be reimbursed based on the usual Medicaid method of
22 payment for outpatient medical services.

23 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1997.
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HOUSE SUMMARY

Provides that the Department of Health may designate as many qualified regional perinatal intensive care centers as the department considers necessary; however, any additional centers that are designated beyond a total of 11 in this state, and any physicians' services performed in such additional centers, are ineligible for funding under s. 409.9112, F.S. Directs the department to develop a needs assessment methodology. Requires any expansion of the program to be based on criteria developed by the department.