

By Representative Mayfield

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to certificate of need;
3 amending s. 408.043, F.S.; providing criteria
4 for review of a certificate-of-need application
5 for establishment of an adult open heart
6 surgery program in a county in which none of
7 the hospitals has an existing or approved adult
8 open heart surgery program; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Subsection (5) is added to section 408.043,
14 Florida Statutes, to read:

15 408.043 Special provisions.--

16 (5) OPEN HEART SURGERY.--When an application is made
17 for a certificate of need to establish an adult open heart
18 surgery program in a county in which none of the hospitals has
19 an existing or approved adult open heart surgery program, need
20 shall be evaluated under special circumstances to promote
21 reasonable access to such a program within the county. The
22 criteria on which the certificate of need is reviewed in such
23 circumstances shall favor approval in those counties that can
24 support a designated minimum projected volume of residents
25 discharged with a principal diagnosis of ischemic heart
26 disease. County-specific need identified under these
27 circumstances shall exist independently of and in addition to
28 any district need identified under the standard numeric need
29 formula.

30 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
31 law.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Provides criteria for review of a certificate-of-need application for establishment of an adult open heart surgery program in a county in which none of the hospitals has an existing or approved adult open heart surgery program.