

By the Committee on Local Government & Veterans Affairs
and Representatives Mayfield, Harrell, Brown, Argenziano,
Greenstein, Spratt, Melvin, Wiles, Macheck, Negron and Davis

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

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

408.043 Special provisions.--

(5) OPEN HEART SURGERY.--When an application is made
for a certificate of need to establish 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, need
for one program shall be evaluated under special circumstances
to promote reasonable access to such a program within the
county. The criteria on which the certificate of need is
reviewed in such circumstances shall favor approval in those
counties that can generate at least 1,200 annual hospital
discharges with a principal diagnosis of ischemic heart
disease. County-specific need identified under these
circumstances shall exist independently of and in addition to
any district need identified under the standard numeric need
formula.

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