

By Senator Clary

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to certificate of need;
amending s. 408.043, F.S.; providing 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; providing an
effective date.

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
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
support a designated minimum projected volume of residents
discharged 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.

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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.