



1           Section 1. (1) The Agency for Health Care  
2 Administration and the Department of Health shall develop and  
3 administer a program to make available financial support for  
4 timely and comprehensive inpatient and outpatient  
5 rehabilitation for each child in this state who has a moderate  
6 to severe traumatic brain injury. The inpatient care shall be  
7 provided for at least 4 weeks to ensure that all potential for  
8 recovery is addressed and to identify and provide for seamless  
9 continuation of the appropriate level of care for the child.  
10           (2) The Office of Trauma in the Department of Health's  
11 Division of Emergency Medical Operations shall conduct a  
12 survey of all existing trauma centers that are designated to  
13 care for injured children in this state. Based on the survey  
14 results, the department shall:  
15           (a) Develop an inventory of regionally available  
16 rehabilitation facilities and estimate the potential annual  
17 volume of the rehabilitation services described in subsection  
18 (1); and  
19           (b) Define an acceptable per diem payment for such  
20 rehabilitation services which reflects local costs and  
21 appropriate economic indicators.  
22           (3) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall  
23 identify funds from current Medicaid payments that are  
24 designed to enhance the care of children and that may be used  
25 to support the availability of the rehabilitation services  
26 specified in subsection (1) and, based on the results of the  
27 survey, commit any such funds to support the availability of  
28 rehabilitation services. The agency may seek additional funds  
29 if necessary.  
30           (4) The Department of Health shall ensure that the  
31 rehabilitation services required by this section and the

1 clinical outcomes of such services are recorded in the trauma  
2 registry in a manner that integrates the management of data  
3 between the rehabilitation facility and designated trauma  
4 center and allows an annual audit of outcome trends and system  
5 performance.

6 (5) The Agency for Health Care Administration and the  
7 Department of Health may adopt rules pursuant to ss.  
8 120.536(1) and 120.54 to administer this section.

9 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.

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12 SENATE SUMMARY

13 Provides for the development of a program to make  
14 available financial support for rehabilitation of  
15 children who have moderate or severe brain injury.  
16 Specifies minimum criteria for inpatient care. Authorizes  
17 provision of financial support pending institution of the  
18 program. Requires the Department of Health to estimate  
19 the demand for, and a per diem payment for, such services  
20 based on a survey by the Office of Trauma in the  
21 department's Division of Emergency Medical Operations.  
22 Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration to  
23 identify and commit certain funds from current Medicaid  
24 payments which may be used to support the availability of  
25 such rehabilitation services. Specifies the manner by  
26 which the Department of Health must ensure that certain  
27 rehabilitation services and outcomes are recorded in the  
28 trauma registry. Authorizes rulemaking by the agency and  
29 the department.  
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