

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to certificates of need;
3 amending s. 408.0361, F.S.; revising provisions
4 applicable to hospitals seeking certification
5 as Level I programs; providing criteria for
6 certification to provide certain Level I
7 cardiology services; providing an effective
8 date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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12 Section 1. Present subsections (4), (5), and (6) of
13 section 408.0361, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as
14 subsections (5), (6), and (7), respectively, and a new
15 subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:

16 408.0361 Cardiology services and burn unit
17 licensure.--

18 (4) In order to ensure continuity of available
19 services, the holder of a certificate of need for a newly
20 licensed hospital that meets the requirements of this
21 subsection may apply for and shall be granted Level I program
22 status regardless of whether rules relating to Level I
23 programs have been adopted. To qualify for a Level I program
24 under this subsection, a hospital seeking a Level I program
25 must be a newly licensed hospital established pursuant to a
26 certificate of need in a physical location previously licensed
27 and operated as a hospital, the former hospital must have
28 provided a minimum of 300 adult inpatient and outpatient
29 diagnostic cardiac catheterizations for the most recent
30 12-month period as reported to the agency, and the newly
31 licensed hospital must have a formalized, written transfer

1 agreement with a hospital that has a Level II program,
2 including written transport protocols to ensure safe and
3 efficient transfer of a patient within 60 minutes. A hospital
4 meeting the requirements of this subsection may apply for
5 certification of Level I program status before taking
6 possession of the physical location of the former hospital,
7 and the effective date of Level I program status shall be
8 concurrent with the effective date of the newly issued
9 hospital license.

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

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