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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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