

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to cardiology services; amending s.
 3 408.0361, F.S.; revising provisions relating to compliance
 4 with requirements imposed on providers of cardiac
 5 catheterization services; providing an effective date.

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

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 9 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
 10 408.0361, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 408.0361 Cardiology services and burn unit licensure.--

12 (3) In establishing rules for adult interventional
 13 cardiology services, the agency shall include provisions that
 14 allow for:

15 (b) For a hospital seeking a Level I program,
 16 demonstration that:7

17 1. For the most recent 12-month period as reported to the
 18 agency, it has provided a minimum of 300 adult inpatient and
 19 outpatient diagnostic cardiac catheterizations or, for the most
 20 recent 12-month period, has discharged or transferred at least
 21 300 inpatients with the principal diagnosis of ischemic heart
 22 disease and that it has a formalized, written transfer agreement
 23 with a hospital that has a Level II program, including written
 24 transport protocols to ensure safe and efficient transfer of a
 25 patient within 60 minutes; or

26 2. If the hospital seeking a Level I program will be a
 27 newly licensed hospital established pursuant to a certificate of
 28 need in a physical location previously licensed and operated as

29 a hospital, the former hospital provided a minimum of 300 adult
30 inpatient and outpatient diagnostic cardiac catheterizations for
31 the most recent 12-month period as reported to the agency and
32 the newly licensed hospital has a formalized, written transfer
33 agreement with a hospital that has a Level II program, including
34 written transport protocols to ensure safe and efficient
35 transfer of a patient within 60 minutes. The newly licensed
36 hospital must certify that it can provide a minimum of 300 adult
37 inpatient and outpatient diagnostic cardiac catheterizations by
38 the end of its first year of operation. If the newly licensed
39 hospital fails to provide 300 adult inpatient and outpatient
40 diagnostic cardiac catheterizations by the end of the first year
41 of operation, its license shall be modified to delete Level I
42 services. In order to ensure continuity of available services,
43 the holder of a certificate of need for a newly licensed
44 hospital that meets the requirements of this subparagraph may
45 apply for certification of Level I program status before taking
46 possession of the physical location of the former hospital. The
47 effective date of Level I program status shall be concurrent
48 with the effective date of the newly issued hospital license.

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