



1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to adult cardiovascular services;
3 amending s. 408.0361, F.S.; expanding rulemaking
4 criteria for the Agency for Health Care Administration
5 for licensure of hospitals performing percutaneous
6 cardiac intervention procedures; providing an
7 effective date.

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

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11 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
12 408.0361, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 408.0361 Cardiovascular services and burn unit licensure.—

14 (3) In establishing rules for adult cardiovascular
15 services, the agency shall include provisions that allow for:

16 (b) For a hospital seeking a Level I program,
17 demonstration that, for the most recent 12-month period as
18 reported to the agency, it has provided a minimum of 300 adult
19 inpatient and outpatient diagnostic cardiac catheterizations or,
20 for the most recent 12-month period, has discharged or
21 transferred at least 300 inpatients with the principal diagnosis
22 of ischemic heart disease and that it has a formalized, written
23 transfer agreement with a hospital that has a Level II program,
24 including written transport protocols to ensure safe and
25 efficient transfer of a patient within 60 minutes. However, a
26 hospital located more than 100 road miles from the closest Level



27 | II adult cardiovascular services program does not need to meet
28 | the 60-minute transfer time protocol if the hospital
29 | demonstrates that it has a formalized, written transfer
30 | agreement with a hospital that has a Level II program. The
31 | agreement must include written transport protocols to ensure the
32 | safe and efficient transfer of a patient, taking into
33 | consideration the patient's clinical and physical
34 | characteristics, road and weather conditions, and viability of
35 | ground and air ambulance service to transfer the patient. At a
36 | minimum, the rules for adult cardiovascular services must
37 | require nursing and technical staff to have demonstrated
38 | experience in handling acutely ill patients requiring
39 | intervention based on the staff members' previous experience in
40 | dedicated cardiac interventional laboratories or surgical
41 | centers. If a staff member's previous experience is in a
42 | dedicated cardiac interventional laboratory at a hospital that
43 | does not have an approved adult open-heart-surgery program, the
44 | staff member's previous experience qualifies only if, at the
45 | time the staff member acquired his or her experience, the
46 | dedicated cardiac interventional laboratory:

- 47 | 1. Had an annual volume of 500 or more percutaneous
48 | cardiac intervention procedures;
- 49 | 2. Achieved a demonstrated success rate of 95 percent or
50 | greater for percutaneous cardiac intervention procedures;
- 51 | 3. Experienced a complication rate of less than 5 percent
52 | for percutaneous cardiac intervention procedures; and



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53 4. Performed diverse cardiac procedures, including, but
54 not limited to, balloon angioplasty and stenting, rotational
55 atherectomy, cutting balloon atheroma remodeling, and procedures
56 relating to left ventricular support capability.

57 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.