

By Senator Flores

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to licensure of cardiovascular
3 programs; amending s. 408.0361, F.S.; establishing
4 additional criteria that must be included by the
5 Agency for Health Care Administration in rules
6 relating to adult cardiovascular services at hospitals
7 seeking licensure for a Level I program; providing an
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
13 408.0361, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 408.0361 Cardiovascular services and burn unit licensure.—

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

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

29 1. May demonstrate that, for the most recent 12-month

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30 period as reported to the agency, it has provided a minimum of
31 100 adult inpatient and outpatient diagnostic cardiac
32 catheterizations, or for the most recent 12-month period has
33 discharged or transferred at least 300 patients with the
34 principal diagnosis of ischemic heart disease.

35 2. Does not need to meet the 60-minute transfer time
36 protocol if the hospital demonstrates that it has a formalized,
37 written transfer agreement with a hospital that has a Level II
38 program. The agreement must include written transport protocols
39 to ensure the safe and efficient transfer of a patient, taking
40 into consideration the patient's clinical and physical
41 characteristics, road and weather conditions, and viability of
42 ground and air ambulance service to transfer the patient.

43 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.