

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to regional perinatal intensive care
 3 centers; amending s. 383.19, F.S.; revising
 4 requirements for the designation of regional perinatal
 5 intensive care centers by the Department of Health;
 6 providing an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Section 383.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to
 11 read:

12 383.19 Standards; designation; reimbursement; termination
 13 of contract; eligibility; annual report; evaluation ~~funding;~~
 14 ~~ineligibility.~~—

15 (1) The department shall adopt rules that specify
 16 standards for the development and operation of a center which
 17 include, but are not limited to:

18 (a) The need to provide services through a regional
 19 perinatal intensive care center and the requirements of the
 20 population to be served.

21 (b) Equipment.

22 (c) Facilities.

23 (d) Staffing and qualifications of personnel.

24 (e) Transportation services.

25 (f) Data collection.

26 (g) Definitions of terms.

27 (2) The department shall designate one or more centers
 28 that meet the program standards adopted pursuant to this section
 29 in at least one center to serve a geographic area representing
 30 each region of the state and, as applicable, in each geographic
 31 area within a region in which at least 7,000 ~~10,000~~ live births
 32 occur per year, ~~but in no case may there be more than 11~~
 33 ~~regional perinatal intensive care centers established unless~~
 34 ~~specifically authorized in the appropriations act or in this~~
 35 ~~subsection.~~ Medicaid reimbursement shall be made for services
 36 provided to patients who are Medicaid recipients. Medicaid
 37 reimbursement for in-center obstetrical physician services must
 38 ~~shall~~ be based upon the obstetrical care group payment system.
 39 Medicaid reimbursement for in-center neonatal physician services
 40 must ~~shall~~ be based upon the neonatal care group payment system.
 41 These prospective payment systems, developed by the department,
 42 must place patients into homogeneous groups based on clinical
 43 factors, severity of illness, and intensity of care. Outpatient
 44 obstetrical services and other related services, such as
 45 consultations, must ~~shall~~ be reimbursed based on the usual
 46 Medicaid method of payment for outpatient medical services.

47 (3) Failure to comply with the standards established under
 48 this section constitutes grounds for terminating the contract.

49 (4) The department shall give priority to establishing
 50 centers in hospitals that demonstrate an interest in perinatal

51 intensive care by meeting the program standards specified in
52 department rule.

53 (5) A private, for-profit hospital that does not accept
54 county, state, or federal funds or indigent patients is not
55 eligible to participate under ss. 383.15-383.19.

56 (6) Each hospital that contracts with the department to
57 provide services under the terms of ss. 383.15-383.19 shall
58 prepare and submit to the department an annual report that
59 includes, but is not limited to, the number of clients served
60 and the costs of services in the center. The department shall
61 annually conduct a programmatic and financial evaluation of each
62 center.

63 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.