

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Jefferson County; providing
3 applicability; providing definitions; limiting
4 compensation to a health care provider that provides
5 medical services for an inmate housed in a Jefferson
6 County detention center if the provider does not have
7 a contract with the county to provide such services;
8 limiting compensation to an entity that provides
9 emergency medical transportation services for an
10 inmate housed in a Jefferson County detention center
11 if the entity does not have a contract with the county
12 to provide such services; providing applicability;
13 providing an effective date.

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

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17 **Section 1.** (1) Notwithstanding any other law to the
18 contrary, this act and all rules adopted pursuant to this act
19 apply to the area located within Jefferson County.

20 (2) As used in this act, the term:

21 (a) "Emergency medical transportation services" includes,
22 but is not limited to, services rendered by means of air
23 ambulance or an emergency medical services vehicle. As used in
24 this paragraph, the term:

25 1. "Air ambulance" means a fixed-wing or rotary-wing

26 aircraft used for, or intended to be used for, air
27 transportation of sick or injured persons requiring or likely to
28 require medical attention during transport.

29 2. "Emergency medical services vehicle" means a privately
30 or publicly owned vehicle or vessel that is designed,
31 constructed, reconstructed, maintained, equipped, or operated
32 for, and is used or intended to be used for, land or water
33 transportation of sick or injured persons requiring or likely to
34 require medical attention during transport.

35 (b) "Health care provider" means:

36 1. A hospital licensed under chapter 395, Florida
37 Statutes.

38 2. A physician or physician assistant licensed under
39 chapter 458, Florida Statutes.

40 3. An osteopathic physician or physician assistant
41 licensed under chapter 459, Florida Statutes.

42 4. A podiatric physician licensed under chapter 461,
43 Florida Statutes.

44 5. A health maintenance organization certificated under
45 part I of chapter 641, Florida Statutes.

46 6. An ambulatory surgical center licensed under chapter
47 395, Florida Statutes.

48 7. An other medical facility. As used in this
49 subparagraph, the term "other medical facility" means a facility
50 the primary purpose of which is to provide human medical

51 diagnostic services or a facility providing nonsurgical human
52 medical treatment, to which facility the patient is admitted and
53 from which facility the patient is discharged within the same
54 working day, and which facility is not part of a hospital.
55 However, the term does not include a facility existing for the
56 primary purpose of performing terminations of pregnancy or an
57 office maintained by a physician or dentist for the practice of
58 medicine.

59 8. A professional association, partnership, corporation,
60 joint venture, or other association composed of the persons
61 described in subparagraphs 2., 3., and 4. for professional
62 activity.

63 (3) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), compensation
64 to a health care provider to provide medical services for an
65 inmate housed in a Jefferson County detention center may not
66 exceed 110 percent of the Medicare allowable rate if the health
67 care provider does not have a contract with Jefferson County to
68 provide inmate medical services.

69 (b) Compensation to a health care provider to provide
70 medical services for an inmate housed in a Jefferson County
71 detention center may not exceed 125 percent of the Medicare
72 allowable rate if the health care provider:

73 1. Does not have a contract with Jefferson County to
74 provide inmate medical services; and

75 2. Reported a negative operating margin for the previous

76 year to the Agency for Health Care Administration through
77 hospital-audited financial data.

78 (4) Compensation to an entity to provide emergency medical
79 transportation services for an inmate housed in a Jefferson
80 County detention center may not exceed 110 percent of the
81 Medicare allowable rate if the entity does not have a contract
82 with Jefferson County to provide inmate emergency medical
83 transportation services.

84 (5) This act does not apply to charges for medical
85 services provided at a hospital operated by Jefferson County.

86 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.