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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to compensation for health care services for inmates in Lake County; providing definitions; limiting compensation to a health care provider and to a hospital designated as a trauma center that provide medical services for an inmate housed in a Lake County detention center if the provider and the hospital do not have a contract with the county to provide such services; limiting compensation to an entity that provides emergency medical transportation services for an inmate housed in a Lake County detention center if the entity does not have a contract with the county to provide such services; providing applicability; providing an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** (1) As used in this act, the term:

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

1. "Air ambulance" means a fixed-wing or rotary-wing aircraft used for, or intended to be used for, air

26 transportation of sick or injured persons requiring or likely to  
27 require medical attention during transport.

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

34 (b) "Health care provider" means:

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

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

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

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

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

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

47 7. A facility the primary purpose of which is to provide  
48 human medical diagnostic services or a facility providing  
49 nonsurgical human medical treatment, to which facility the  
50 patient is admitted and from which facility the patient is

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51 discharged within the same working day, and which facility is  
52 not part of a hospital. However, the term does not include a  
53 facility existing for the primary purpose of performing  
54 terminations of pregnancy or an office maintained by a physician  
55 or dentist for the practice of medicine.

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

60 (2) (a)1. Except as specifically provided in this  
61 subsection, compensation to a health care provider to provide  
62 any medical services for an inmate housed in a Lake County  
63 detention center may not exceed 110 percent of the Medicare  
64 allowable rate if the health care provider does not have a  
65 contract with Lake County to provide inmate medical services.

66 2. Compensation to a health care provider to provide  
67 medical services for an inmate housed in a Lake County detention  
68 center may not exceed 125 percent of the Medicare allowable rate  
69 if the health care provider:

70 a. Does not have a contract with Lake County to provide  
71 inmate medical services; and

72 b. Reported a negative operating margin for the previous  
73 year to the Agency for Health Care Administration through  
74 hospital-audited financial data.

75 (b) Compensation to a hospital designated as a trauma

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76 center by the Department of Health to provide medical services  
77 for an inmate designated as a trauma alert victim, as defined  
78 under Florida law, must be at 175 percent of the Medicare  
79 allowable rate if the hospital does not have a contract with  
80 Lake County to provide inmate medical services.

81 (3) Compensation to an entity to provide emergency medical  
82 transportation services for an inmate housed in a Lake County  
83 detention center may not exceed 110 percent of the Medicare  
84 allowable rate if the entity does not have a contract with Lake  
85 County to provide inmate emergency medical transportation  
86 services.

87 (4) This act does not apply to charges for medical  
88 services provided at a hospital operated by Lake County.

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