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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

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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.