

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to rules for adult cardiovascular
 3 services; amending s. 395.1055, F.S.; revising
 4 criteria and procedures for establishing rules for
 5 adult cardiovascular services; providing an effective
 6 date.

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

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 10 **Section 1. Paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (18) and**
 11 **subsection (19) of section 395.1055, Florida Statutes, are**
 12 **amended to read:**

13 395.1055 Rules and enforcement.—

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

16 (b)1. For a hospital seeking a Level I program, the
 17 ~~hospital must have demonstration that, for the most recent 12-~~
 18 ~~month period as reported to the agency, the hospital has~~
 19 ~~provided a minimum of 300 adult inpatient and outpatient~~
 20 ~~diagnostic cardiac catheterizations or, for the most recent 12-~~
 21 ~~month period, has discharged or transferred at least 300~~
 22 ~~patients with the principal diagnosis of ischemic heart disease~~
 23 ~~and that it has a formalized, written transfer agreement with a~~
 24 hospital that has a Level II program, including written
 25 transport protocols to ensure safe and efficient transfer of a

26 patient within 60 minutes.

27 ~~2.a. A hospital located more than 100 road miles from the~~
28 ~~closest Level II adult cardiovascular services program is not~~
29 ~~required to meet the diagnostic cardiac catheterization volume~~
30 ~~and ischemic heart disease diagnosis volume requirements in~~
31 ~~subparagraph 1. if the hospital demonstrates that it has, for~~
32 ~~the most recent 12-month period as reported to the agency,~~
33 ~~provided a minimum of 100 adult inpatient and outpatient~~
34 ~~diagnostic cardiac catheterizations or that, for the most recent~~
35 ~~12-month period, it has discharged or transferred at least 300~~
36 ~~patients with the principal diagnosis of ischemic heart disease.~~

37 2.b. A hospital located more than 100 road miles from the
38 closest Level II adult cardiovascular services program does not
39 need to meet the 60-minute transfer time protocol requirement in
40 subparagraph 1. if the hospital demonstrates that it has a
41 formalized, written transfer agreement with a hospital that has
42 a Level II program. The agreement must include written transport
43 protocols to ensure the safe and efficient transfer of a
44 patient, taking into consideration the patient's clinical and
45 physical characteristics, road and weather conditions, and
46 viability of ground and air ambulance service to transfer the
47 patient.

48 ~~3. At a minimum, the rules for adult cardiovascular~~
49 ~~services must require nursing and technical staff to have~~
50 ~~demonstrated experience in handling acutely ill patients~~

51 ~~requiring intervention, based on the staff member's previous~~
52 ~~experience in dedicated cardiac interventional laboratories or~~
53 ~~surgical centers. If a staff member's previous experience is in~~
54 ~~a dedicated cardiac interventional laboratory at a hospital that~~
55 ~~does not have an approved adult open heart surgery program, the~~
56 ~~staff member's previous experience qualifies only if, at the~~
57 ~~time the staff member acquired his or her experience, the~~
58 ~~dedicated cardiac interventional laboratory:~~

59 a. ~~Had an annual volume of 500 or more percutaneous~~
60 ~~cardiac intervention procedures.~~

61 b. ~~Achieved a demonstrated success rate of 95 percent or~~
62 ~~greater for percutaneous cardiac intervention procedures.~~

63 c. ~~Experienced a complication rate of less than 5 percent~~
64 ~~for percutaneous cardiac intervention procedures.~~

65 d. ~~Performed diverse cardiac procedures, including, but~~
66 ~~not limited to, balloon angioplasty and stenting, rotational~~
67 ~~atherectomy, cutting balloon atheroma remodeling, and procedures~~
68 ~~relating to left ventricular support capability.~~

69 (d) Compliance with the most recent guidelines of the
70 American College of Cardiology, and the American Heart
71 Association, the Heart Rhythm Society for hospitals providing
72 electrophysiology services, and the Society for Cardiovascular
73 Angiography and Interventions guidelines for staffing, physician
74 training and experience, operating procedures, equipment,
75 physical plant, and patient selection criteria, to ensure

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76 | patient quality and safety.

77 | (19) The agency may adopt rules to administer the
78 | requirements of part II of chapter 408 and shall update agency
79 | rules as new standards and guidelines are published.

80 | **Section 2.** This act shall take effect October 1, 2025.