

A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to providers of cardiovascular services; amending s. 395.1055, F.S.; revising provisions relating to certain rules for providers of specified cardiovascular services; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to update agency rules under certain circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (17), (18), and (19) of section 395.1055, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (16), (17), and (18), respectively, and paragraphs (a), (b), and (d) of present subsection (18) and present subsection (19) are amended to read:

395.1055 Rules and enforcement.—

~~(16) Each provider of diagnostic cardiac catheterization services shall comply with rules adopted by the agency which establish licensure standards governing the operation of adult inpatient diagnostic cardiac catheterization programs. The rules must ensure that such programs:~~

~~(a) Comply with the most recent guidelines of the American College of Cardiology and American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiac Catheterization and Cardiac Catheterization~~

26 ~~Laboratories.~~

27 ~~(b) Perform only adult inpatient diagnostic cardiac~~
 28 ~~catheterization services and will not provide therapeutic~~
 29 ~~cardiac catheterization or any other cardiology services.~~

30 ~~(c) Maintain sufficient appropriate equipment and health~~
 31 ~~care personnel to ensure quality and safety.~~

32 ~~(d) Maintain appropriate times of operation and protocols~~
 33 ~~to ensure availability and appropriate referrals in the event of~~
 34 ~~emergencies.~~

35 ~~(e) Demonstrate a plan to provide services to Medicaid and~~
 36 ~~charity care patients.~~

37 ~~(17)(18)~~ In establishing rules for adult cardiovascular
 38 services, the agency shall include provisions that allow for:

39 (a) The establishment of two hospital program licensure
 40 levels, a Level I program that authorizes the performance of
 41 adult percutaneous cardiac intervention without onsite cardiac
 42 surgery, including rotational or other atherectomy devices,
 43 electrophysiology, and treatment of chronic total occlusions,
 44 and a Level II program that authorizes the performance of
 45 percutaneous cardiac intervention with onsite cardiac surgery.

46 (b)1. For a hospital seeking a Level I program, have a
 47 ~~demonstration that, for the most recent 12-month period as~~
 48 ~~reported to the agency, the hospital has provided a minimum of~~
 49 ~~300 adult inpatient and outpatient diagnostic cardiac~~
 50 ~~catheterizations or, for the most recent 12-month period, has~~

51 ~~discharged or transferred at least 300 patients with the~~
52 ~~principal diagnosis of ischemic heart disease and that it has a~~
53 ~~formalized,~~ written transfer agreement with a hospital that has
54 a Level II program, including written transport protocols to
55 ensure safe and efficient transfer of a patient ~~within 60~~
56 ~~minutes.~~

57 ~~2.a. A hospital located more than 100 road miles from the~~
58 ~~closest Level II adult cardiovascular services program is not~~
59 ~~required to meet the diagnostic cardiac catheterization volume~~
60 ~~and ischemic heart disease diagnosis volume requirements in~~
61 ~~subparagraph 1. if the hospital demonstrates that it has, for~~
62 ~~the most recent 12-month period as reported to the agency,~~
63 ~~provided a minimum of 100 adult inpatient and outpatient~~
64 ~~diagnostic cardiac catheterizations or that, for the most recent~~
65 ~~12-month period, it has discharged or transferred at least 300~~
66 ~~patients with the principal diagnosis of ischemic heart disease.~~

67 ~~2.b.~~ A hospital located more than 100 road miles from the
68 closest Level II adult cardiovascular services program must have
69 ~~does not need to meet the 60-minute transfer time protocol~~
70 ~~requirement in subparagraph 1. if the hospital demonstrates that~~
71 ~~it has~~ a formalized, written transfer agreement with a hospital
72 that has a Level II program which. ~~The agreement~~ must include
73 written transport protocols to ensure the safe and efficient
74 transfer of a patient, taking into consideration the patient's
75 clinical and physical characteristics, road and weather

76 conditions, and viability of ground and air ambulance service to
77 transfer the patient.

78 ~~3. At a minimum, the rules for adult cardiovascular~~
79 ~~services must require nursing and technical staff to have~~
80 ~~demonstrated experience in handling acutely ill patients~~
81 ~~requiring intervention, based on the staff member's previous~~
82 ~~experience in dedicated cardiac interventional laboratories or~~
83 ~~surgical centers. If a staff member's previous experience is in~~
84 ~~a dedicated cardiac interventional laboratory at a hospital that~~
85 ~~does not have an approved adult open heart surgery program, the~~
86 ~~staff member's previous experience qualifies only if, at the~~
87 ~~time the staff member acquired his or her experience, the~~
88 ~~dedicated cardiac interventional laboratory:~~

89 ~~a. Had an annual volume of 500 or more percutaneous~~
90 ~~cardiac intervention procedures.~~

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

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

95 ~~d. Performed diverse cardiac procedures, including, but~~
96 ~~not limited to, balloon angioplasty and stenting, rotational~~
97 ~~atherectomy, cutting balloon atheroma remodeling, and procedures~~
98 ~~relating to left ventricular support capability.~~

99 (d) Compliance with the most recent guidelines of the
100 American College of Cardiology, and the American Heart

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101 Association, and the Society for Cardiac Angiography and
102 Intervention guidelines for staffing, physician training and
103 experience, operating procedures, equipment, physical plant, and
104 patient selection criteria, to ensure patient quality and
105 safety.

106 ~~(18)(19)~~ The agency may adopt rules to administer the
107 requirements of part II of chapter 408 and shall update agency
108 rules as new standards and guidelines are published.

109 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.