

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to regional perinatal intensive care  
 3           centers; amending s. 383.19, F.S.; revising  
 4           requirements for the designation of regional perinatal  
 5           intensive care centers by the Department of Health;  
 6           providing an effective date.

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

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 10           Section 1. Section 383.19, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
 11           read:

12           383.19   Standards; designation; reimbursement; termination  
 13           of contract; eligibility; annual report; evaluation ~~funding;~~  
 14           ~~ineligibility.~~—

15           (1) The department shall adopt rules that specify  
 16           standards for the development and operation of a center which  
 17           include, but are not limited to:

18           (a) The need to provide services through a regional  
 19           perinatal intensive care center and the requirements of the  
 20           population to be served.

21           (b) Equipment.

22           (c) Facilities.

23           (d) Staffing and qualifications of personnel.

24           (e) Transportation services.

25           (f) Data collection.

26 (g) Definitions of terms.

27 (2) The department shall designate at least one center to  
 28 serve a geographic area representing each region of the state in  
 29 which at least 10,000 live births occur per year and, as  
 30 applicable, the department shall designate one center in any  
 31 region or county that does not have a center in which at least  
 32 7,000 live births occur per year, as measured by the department,  
 33 but in no case may there be more than 13 ~~11~~ regional perinatal  
 34 intensive care centers established unless specifically  
 35 authorized in the appropriations act or in this subsection.  
 36 Medicaid reimbursement shall be made for services provided to  
 37 patients who are Medicaid recipients. Medicaid reimbursement for  
 38 in-center obstetrical physician services must ~~shall~~ be based  
 39 upon the obstetrical care group payment system. Medicaid  
 40 reimbursement for in-center neonatal physician services must  
 41 ~~shall~~ be based upon the neonatal care group payment system.  
 42 These prospective payment systems, developed by the department,  
 43 must place patients into homogeneous groups based on clinical  
 44 factors, severity of illness, and intensity of care. Outpatient  
 45 obstetrical services and other related services, such as  
 46 consultations, must ~~shall~~ be reimbursed based on the usual  
 47 Medicaid method of payment for outpatient medical services.

48 (3) Failure to comply with the standards established under  
 49 this section constitutes grounds for terminating the contract.

50 (4) The department shall give priority to establishing

51 centers in hospitals that demonstrate an interest in perinatal  
52 intensive care by meeting the program standards specified in  
53 department rule.

54 (5) A private, for-profit hospital that does not accept  
55 county, state, or federal funds or indigent patients is not  
56 eligible to participate under ss. 383.15-383.19.

57 (6) Each hospital that contracts with the department to  
58 provide services under the terms of ss. 383.15-383.19 shall  
59 prepare and submit to the department an annual report that  
60 includes, but is not limited to, the number of clients served  
61 and the costs of services in the center. The department shall  
62 annually conduct a programmatic and financial evaluation of each  
63 center.

64 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.