

House File 2307 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to a hospital's participation in the state
2 perinatal program.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 135.11, subsection 28, Code 2014, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 28. In consultation with the advisory committee for
4 perinatal guidelines, develop and maintain the statewide
5 perinatal program based on the recommendations of the
6 American academy of pediatrics and the American college of
7 obstetricians and gynecologists contained in the most recent
8 edition of the guidelines for perinatal care, and shall
9 adopt rules in accordance with chapter 17A to implement those
10 recommendations. Hospitals within the state shall determine
11 whether to participate in the statewide perinatal program, and
12 select the hospital's level of participation in the program.
13 A hospital having determined to participate in the program
14 shall comply with the guidelines appropriate to the level of
15 participation selected by the hospital. Participation shall
16 include prearranged consultative agreements between two or more
17 hospital perinatal units. Prearranged consultative agreements
18 may include direct care of the patient or utilization of
19 telemedicine or telephone consultation to qualify a hospital
20 for a higher level of participation and a higher reimbursement
21 rate under the medical assistance program. Perinatal program
22 surveys and reports are privileged and confidential and are
23 not subject to discovery, subpoena, or other means of legal
24 compulsion for their release to a person other than the
25 affected hospital, and are not admissible in evidence in a
26 judicial or administrative proceeding other than a proceeding
27 involving verification of the participating hospital under this
28 subsection.

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EXPLANATION

30 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
31 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

32 This bill relates to a hospital's participation in the
33 state's perinatal program. The bill requires participation to
34 include prearranged consultative agreements between hospitals.
35 The bill allows the consultative agreements to include direct

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1 care or utilization of telemedicine or telephone consultation
2 for a hospital to qualify for a higher level of participation
3 and a higher rate of reimbursement under the medical assistance
4 program.