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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the designation of hospitals that provide care  
2 to indigent patients.

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

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 255.31 PROVISION OF TREATMENT AT  
2 ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS.

3 For the purposes of this chapter, treatment may be provided  
4 to indigent patients by any hospital licensed pursuant to  
5 chapter 135B if the university hospital has contracted with  
6 the hospital to provide such treatment. The determination of  
7 the location of treatment shall be established in the order  
8 entered pursuant to section 255.8 and the basis for  
9 determination of the location shall be that the hospital is  
10 able to provide the nearest safe and adequate treatment  
11 possible for the patient.

12 Sec. 2. UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL -- CONTRACT WITH BROADLAWNS  
13 MEDICAL CENTER TO PROVIDE CARE TO INDIGENT PATIENTS.

14 Beginning July 1, 2001, as a condition of the appropriation to  
15 the university hospital for treatment of indigent patients as  
16 provided in chapter 255, the university hospital shall  
17 contract with Broadlawns medical center to provide treatment  
18 to indigent patients for whom such treatment would be the  
19 nearest safe and adequate treatment possible for the patient.  
20 The order directing treatment pursuant to section 255.8 shall  
21 specify the hospital at which treatment shall be provided.  
22 Under the contract, Broadlawns medical center shall agree to  
23 accept as full payment the reimbursements allowed under the  
24 medical assistance program established pursuant to chapter  
25 249A, adjusted for intensity of care.

26 EXPLANATION

27 This bill provides that indigent care provided under Code  
28 chapter 255 may be provided at licensed hospitals other than  
29 the university hospital if the hospital has contracted with  
30 the university hospital to provide indigent care treatment.  
31 The determination of where treatment will be provided for a  
32 specific patient is to be established in the court order and  
33 the basis for the determination is to be that the hospital  
34 selected is able to provide the nearest safe and adequate  
35 treatment possible.

1 The bill also requires that as a condition of the  
2 appropriation to the university hospital for the indigent  
3 patient program under Code chapter 255, the university  
4 hospital is to contract with Broadlawns medical center to  
5 provide treatment to indigent patients for whom treatment at  
6 the center would be the nearest safe and adequate treatment  
7 possible. The contract is to specify that Broadlawns medical  
8 center would accept as full payment for treatment provided the  
9 reimbursements allowable under the medical assistance program,  
10 adjusted for intensity of care.

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