

Committee on Banking and Insurance

HB 37 — Direct Primary Care Agreements

by Reps. Burgess, Miller, M. and others (CS/SB 80 by Banking and Insurance Committee and Senators Lee and Young)

The bill amends the Florida Insurance Code (code) to provide that a direct primary care agreement is not insurance and is not subject to regulation under the code, which will remove regulatory uncertainty for health care providers. Direct primary care (DPC) is a primary care medical practice model that eliminates third party payers from the primary care provider-patient relationship and the associated administrative costs associated with filing and resolving insurance claims.

The bill also defines DPC agreements and requires them to meet statutory requirements, including consumer disclosures. A contract that does not meet these requirements is not a DPC agreement and is not exempt from the code.

The bill does not impact state revenues or expenditures.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2018.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 97-10