

By the Committee on Children, Families and Seniors and Senator Rossin

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to the Long-Term-Care Community  
Diversion Pilot Project; amending s. 430.705,  
F.S.; providing for choice, to the extent  
possible, of long-term-care service providers  
affiliated with an individual's religious faith  
or denomination; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 430.705, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

430.705 Implementation of the long-term care community  
diversion pilot projects.--

(3) The department shall provide to prospective  
participants a choice of participating in a community  
diversion pilot project or any other appropriate placement  
available. To the extent possible, individuals shall be  
allowed to choose their care providers, including  
long-term-care service providers affiliated with an  
individual's religious faith or denomination.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
law.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
Senate Bill 2324

- Provides that, to the extent possible, participants shall be allowed to choose their care providers including those providers affiliated with their religious faith or denomination.
- Deletes the requirements that the department provide prospective participants a list of participating providers, identifying any affiliation with a religious faith or denomination in the same type-size as the provider's name.
- Deletes the requirement that, in situations in which a mandated managed long-term care system is implemented to serve Medicaid eligible persons, prior to receipt of long-term care services, the participant may request to receive services from a provider affiliated with their faith or denomination.