

By Representative Healey

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the statewide and district
3 managed care ombudsman committees; amending s.
4 641.65, F.S.; revising membership of the
5 district committees; providing for travel
6 expenses for the district committees; amending
7 s. 641.70, F.S.; revising facility and
8 administrative support services provided to the
9 statewide and district committees by the Agency
10 for Health Care Administration; providing an
11 effective date.

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

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15 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 641.65, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended and subsection (7) is added to said
17 section, to read:

18 641.65 District managed care ombudsman committees.--

19 (2) Each district committee shall have no fewer than 9
20 members and no more than 20 ~~16~~ members, including, if possible
21 ~~at least~~: one physician licensed under chapter 458, one
22 physician licensed under chapter 459, one physician licensed
23 under chapter 460, and one physician licensed under chapter
24 461, one psychologist, one registered nurse, one clinical
25 social worker, one attorney, and recipients of managed care
26 services ~~one consumer~~. For the members who are recipients of
27 managed care services ~~consumer member~~, preference shall be
28 given to members of organized consumer or advocacy groups with
29 national or statewide membership. No member may be employed by
30 or affiliated with a managed care program.

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1 (7) Members of the district committees shall receive
2 no compensation, but may be reimbursed for travel expenses in
3 accordance with s. 112.061. Travel expenses for the district
4 committees shall be funded from the Health Care Trust Fund,
5 created by s. 408.16.

6 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 641.70, Florida
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 641.70 Agency duties relating to the Statewide Managed
9 Care Ombudsman Committee and the district managed care
10 ombudsman committees.--

11 (2) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall
12 provide for location of the committees in the district offices
13 and shall provide necessary training, equipment, and office
14 supplies, including, but not limited to, clerical and
15 word-processing services, photocopiers, telephone services,
16 recordkeeping, and stationery and other necessary supplies ~~a~~
17 ~~meeting place for district committees in agency offices and~~
18 ~~shall provide the necessary administrative support to assist~~
19 ~~the statewide committee and district committees, within~~
20 available resources.

21 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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24 HOUSE SUMMARY

25 Increases maximum membership of the district managed care
26 ombudsman committees from 16 to 20 members. Encourages,
27 rather than requires, members from specified categories.
28 Provides for members who are recipients of managed care
29 services. Authorizes reimbursement for district committee
30 members' travel expenses, to be funded from the Health
31 Care Trust Fund. Revises duties of the Agency for Health
Care Administration with respect to facilities and
administrative support services for the statewide and
district managed care ombudsman committees.