

Bill No. SB 1514

Amendment No. 1

Senate

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The Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care recommended the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 2, line 23, through page 3, line 17 delete those lines

and insert:

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 400.6085, Florida Statutes is amended to read:

400.6085 Contractual services.--A hospice may contract out for some elements of its services. However, the core services, as set forth in s. 400.609(1), with the exception of physician services, shall be provided directly by the hospice.

Any contract entered into between a hospice and a health care facility or service provider must specify that the hospice retains the responsibility for planning, coordinating, and prescribing hospice care and services for the hospice patient and family. A hospice that contracts for any hospice service is prohibited from charging fees for services provided directly by the hospice care team that duplicate contractual

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1 services provided to the patient and family.

2 (1) A contract for hospice services, including
3 inpatient services, must:

4 (a) Identify the nature and scope of services to be
5 provided.

6 (b) Require that direct patient care shall be
7 maintained, supervised, and coordinated by the hospice care
8 team.

9 (c) Limit the services to be provided to only those
10 expressly authorized by the hospice in writing.

11 (d) Delineate the roles of hospice staff and contract
12 staff in the admission process and patient assessment.

13 (e) Identify methods for ensuring continuity of
14 hospice care.

15 (f) Plan for joint quality assurance.

16 (g) Specify the written documentation, including
17 patient records, required of contract staff.

18 (h) Specify qualifications of persons providing the
19 contract services.

20 (i) Specify the effective dates for the contract.

21 Section 3. Section 400.609, Florida Statutes, is
22 amended to read:

23 400.609 Hospice services.--Each hospice shall provide
24 a continuum of hospice services which afford the patient and
25 the family of the patient a range of service delivery which
26 can be tailored to specific needs and preferences of the
27 patient and family at any point in time throughout the length
28 of care for the terminally ill patient and during the
29 bereavement period. These services must be available 24 hours
30 a day, 7 days a week, and must include:

31 (1) ~~CORE~~ SERVICES.--

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1 (a) The hospice care team shall directly provide the
 2 following core services: ~~physician services~~, nursing services,
 3 social work services, pastoral or counseling services, dietary
 4 counseling, ~~home health aide services~~, and bereavement
 5 counseling services. Physician services may be provided by the
 6 hospice directly or through contract. A hospice may also use
 7 contracted staff if necessary to supplement hospice employees
 8 in order to meet the needs of patients during periods of peak
 9 patient loads or under extraordinary circumstances.

10 (b) Each hospice must also provide or arrange for such
 11 additional services as are needed to meet the palliative and
 12 support needs of the patient and family. These services may
 13 include, but are not limited to, physical therapy,
 14 occupational therapy, speech therapy, massage therapy, home
 15 health aide services, infusion therapy, provision of medical
 16 supplies and durable medical equipment, day care, homemaker
 17 and chore services, and funeral services.

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 19 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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 22 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

23 And the title is amended as follows:

24 On page 1, line 6-7, delete those lines

25
 26 and insert:

27 400.6085, F.S.; authorizing hospices to
 28 contract for physician services; amending s.
 29 400.609, F.S.; authorizing physician services
 30 and home health aide services to be provided
 31 through contract; authorizing hospices to

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1 contract for services under certain
2 circumstances; prescribing
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