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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to health care; amending s.  
409.9122, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health  
Care Administration, without preauthorization,  
to provide recipients enrolled in managed care  
plans or with MediPass providers with direct  
access and reimbursement for services for  
diagnosis and evaluation services provided by  
child protection teams; amending s. 641.31,  
F.S.; providing that a health maintenance  
contract that provides services to a minor  
child of a subscriber may not require any  
preauthorization for services rendered by child  
protection teams; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (13) is added to section  
409.9122, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:  
409.9122 Mandatory Medicaid managed care enrollment;  
programs and procedures.--

(13) The agency shall provide recipients enrolled in  
managed care plans or with MediPass providers direct access  
and reimbursement for services for diagnosis and evaluation  
services provided by child protection teams, established under  
s. 39.303, without preauthorization related to alleged child  
abuse, abandonment, or neglect as defined by policy or rule of  
the Department of Health.

Section 2. Subsection (36) is added to section 641.31,  
Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:  
641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--

1           (36) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
2 section, a health maintenance contract that provides services  
3 to a minor child of a subscriber must not require any  
4 preauthorization for services rendered by child protection  
5 teams, established under s. 39.303, for diagnosis and  
6 evaluation services related to alleged child abuse,  
7 abandonment, or neglect, as defined by policy or rule of the  
8 Department of Health.

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

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration, without preauthorization, to provide recipients enrolled in managed care plans or with MediPass providers with direct access and reimbursement for services for diagnosis and evaluation services provided by child protection teams. Provides that a health maintenance contract that provides services to a minor child of a subscriber may not require any preauthorization for services rendered by child protection teams.