

By the Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care; and  
Senator Dawson-White

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to child protection team  
services; amending s. 39.202, F.S.; authorizing  
the sharing of otherwise confidential  
information with health plan payers for  
purposes of reimbursement for child protection  
team services; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 39.202, Florida  
Statutes, 1998 Supplement, is amended to read:

39.202 Confidentiality of reports and records in cases  
of child abuse or neglect.--

(5) All records and reports of the child protection  
team of the Department of Health are confidential and exempt  
from the provisions of ss. 119.07(1) and 455.667, and shall  
not be disclosed, except, upon request, to the state attorney,  
law enforcement, the department, and necessary professionals,  
in furtherance of the treatment or additional evaluative needs  
of the child or by order of the court, or to health plan  
payers, limited to that information used for insurance  
reimbursement purposes.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SB 2118

This bill replaces revisions to the MediPass law and the law regulating commercial health maintenance organizations that prohibited preauthorization of child protection team services with language that provides for release of limited child protection team information to health maintenance organizations and other health plan payors for purposes of reimbursement of evaluative and diagnostic services rendered in child abuse, abandonment, or neglect cases.