

By Representative Brown

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to child protective team  
3           services; amending s. 409.9122, F.S.; requiring  
4           access to and reimbursement for certain  
5           services relating to child abuse, abandonment,  
6           or neglect without preauthorization; amending  
7           s. 641.31, F.S.; proscribing preauthorization  
8           for certain services relating to child abuse,  
9           abandonment, or neglect; providing an effective  
10          date.

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

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14           Section 1. Subsection (13) is added to section  
15 409.9122, Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:  
16           409.9122 Mandatory Medicaid managed care enrollment;  
17 programs and procedures.--

18           (13) The agency shall provide a recipient enrolled in  
19 a managed care plan or with a MediPass provider, without  
20 preauthorization, direct access and reimbursement for services  
21 rendered by a child protection team, established pursuant to  
22 s. 39.303, for diagnosis and evaluation services related to  
23 alleged child abuse, abandonment, or neglect.

24           Section 2. Subsection (36) is added to section 641.31,  
25 Florida Statutes, 1998 Supplement, to read:

26           641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--

27           (36) Notwithstanding any other provision of this  
28 section, a health maintenance contract that provides services  
29 to a minor child of a subscriber shall not require any  
30 preauthorization for services rendered by a child protection  
31 team, established pursuant to s. 39.303, for diagnosis and

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evaluation services related to alleged child abuse,  
abandonment, or neglect.

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

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Proscribes managed care plans and health maintenance contracts from requiring preauthorization for services rendered by child protection teams for diagnosis and evaluation services related to child abuse, abandonment, or neglect.