

By Senator Hargrett

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to health care; requiring  
3           entities that provide pharmacy benefits, as  
4           defined, to provide beneficiaries with a card  
5           containing specified information about the  
6           provider and the benefits; providing for  
7           rulemaking by the Department of Insurance;  
8           providing an effective date.

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

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12           Section 1. Pharmacy benefits; card.--

13           (1) An insurance company or health maintenance  
14 organization that provides pharmacy benefits in addition to  
15 any other health care benefit must issue each beneficiary a  
16 card. The card must contain the information that the  
17 Department of Insurance prescribes by rule, including, at a  
18 minimum:

19           (a) The name or logo of the entity providing the  
20 pharmacy benefits;

21           (b) The group number applicable for the beneficiary;

22           (c) The effective date of the coverage;

23           (d) A telephone number to be used to contact an  
24 appropriate person to obtain information relating to the  
25 pharmacy benefits provided;

26           (e) Copayment information for generic and brand-name  
27 prescription drugs; and

28           (f) If assigned, the International Identification  
29 Number that is assigned by the American National Standards  
30 Institute for the entity that is providing the pharmacy  
31 benefits.

1           (2) For the purposes of this section, the term  
2 "pharmacy benefits" includes, but is not limited to,  
3 dispensing of any legend drug, prescription drug, or medicinal  
4 drug, as defined in section 499.003, Florida Statutes, or any  
5 proprietary drug or OTC drug, as defined in section 499.003,  
6 Florida Statutes, when prescribed by a health care  
7 practitioner authorized to prescribe drugs in this state.

8           Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2001.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires insurance companies and health maintenance organizations offering pharmacy benefits to provide beneficiaries with cards that contain information about the provider and the benefits. Prescribes minimum information and authorizes the Department of Insurance to adopt rules requiring additional information.