

By Representative Posey

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to clinical laboratory  
3           services; amending ss. 627.6471, 627.6472, and  
4           641.31, F.S.; requiring certain insurers and  
5           health maintenance organizations to cover and  
6           pay for certain clinical laboratory services  
7           under certain circumstances; providing an  
8           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. Subsection (7) is added to section  
13   627.6471, Florida Statutes, to read:

14           627.6471 Contracts for reduced rates of payment;  
15   limitations; coinsurance and deductibles.--

16           (7) Any insurer which issues in this state a policy of  
17   health insurance which includes coverage for clinical  
18   laboratory services as defined in s. 483.041 shall cover and  
19   pay for the services of any clinical laboratory to which a  
20   specimen is directed by a preferred provider, without penalty  
21   to such preferred provider.

22           Section 2. Subsection (19) is added to section  
23   627.6472, Florida Statutes, to read:

24           627.6472 Exclusive provider organizations.--

25           (19) Any insurer which issues in this state a policy  
26   of health insurance which includes coverage for clinical  
27   laboratory services as defined in s. 483.041 shall cover and  
28   pay for the services of any clinical laboratory to which a  
29   specimen is directed by an exclusive provider, without penalty  
30   to such exclusive provider.

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