A bill to be entitled 1 2 An act relating to clinical laboratory 3 services; amending ss. 627.6471, 627.6472, and 641.31, F.S.; requiring certain insurers and 4 5 health maintenance organizations to cover and pay for certain clinical laboratory services 6 7 under certain circumstances; providing an 8 effective date. 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 11 Section 1. Subsection (7) is added to section 12 13 627.6471, Florida Statutes, to read: 14 627.6471 Contracts for reduced rates of payment; 15 limitations; coinsurance and deductibles.--(7) Any insurer which issues in this state a policy of 16 health insurance which includes coverage for clinical 17 laboratory services as defined in s. 483.041 shall cover and 18 pay for the services of any clinical laboratory to which a 19 20 specimen is directed by a preferred provider, without penalty to such preferred provider. 21 Section 2. Subsection (19) is added to section 22 627.6472, Florida Statutes, to read: 23 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 specimen is directed by an exclusive provider, without penalty 29 to such exclusive provider. 30 31

Section 3. Subsection (39) is added to section 641.31, Florida Statutes, to read: 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--(39) Any health maintenance organization which issues in this state a health maintenance contract which includes coverage for clinical laboratory services as defined in s. 483.041 shall cover and pay for the services of any clinical laboratory to which a specimen is directed by a treating physician, without penalty to such treating physician. Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000. ********** HOUSE SUMMARY Requires health insurers and health maintenance organizations to cover and pay for services of a clinical laboratory to which a specimen is directed by a preferred provider, exclusive provider, or treating physician, without penalty to the provider or physician.