

By Senator Clary

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to clinical laboratory  
services; amending ss. 627.6471, 627.6472, and  
641.31, F.S.; requiring certain insurers and  
health maintenance organizations to cover and  
pay for certain clinical laboratory services  
under certain circumstances; providing an  
effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (7) is added to section  
627.6471, Florida Statutes, to read:

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

(7) Any insurer that issues in this state a policy of  
health insurance 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 preferred provider, without penalty  
to such preferred provider.

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

627.6472 Exclusive provider organizations.--

(19) Any insurer that issues in this state a policy of  
health insurance 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 an exclusive provider, without penalty  
to such exclusive provider.

1           Section 3. Subsection (39) is added to section 641.31,  
2 Florida Statutes, to read:

3           641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--  
4           (39) Any health maintenance organization that issues  
5 in this state a health maintenance contract which includes  
6 coverage for clinical laboratory services as defined in s.  
7 483.041 shall cover and pay for the services of any clinical  
8 laboratory to which a specimen is directed by a treating  
9 physician, without penalty to such treating physician.

10           Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

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LEGISLATIVE 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.