

Bill No. CS for CS for SB's 1286, 1134 & 1008

Amendment No. Barcode 212186

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Senator Latvala moved the following **amendment to amendment**
(792028):

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 79, between lines 14 and 15,

insert:

Section 27. Subsection (2) of section 627.638, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

627.638 Direct payment for hospital, medical
services.--

(2) Whenever, in any health insurance claim form, an
insured specifically authorizes payment of benefits directly
to any recognized hospital or physician, the insurer shall
make such payment to the designated provider of such services,
unless otherwise provided in the insurance contract. However,
if:

(a) The benefit is determined to be covered under the
terms of the policy;

(b) The claim is limited to treatment of mental health
or substance abuse, including drug and alcohol abuse; and

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1 (c) The insured authorizes the insurer, in writing, as
2 part of the claim to make direct payment of benefits to a
3 recognized hospital, physician, or other licensed provider,
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5 payments shall be made directly to the recognized hospital,
6 physician, or other licensed provider, notwithstanding any
7 contrary provisions in the insurance contract.

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9 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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And the title is amended as follows:

On page 85, line 26, following the semicolon

insert:

amending s. 627.638, F.S.; revising
requirements relating to direct payment of
benefits to specified providers under certain
circumstances;