

By the Council for Healthy Communities and Committee on Insurance and Representatives Brown, Berfield, Negron and Evers

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to prescription drug claim  
3           identification cards; creating s. 627.4302,  
4           F.S.; providing intent; requiring certain  
5           entities to provide a benefits identification  
6           card by a date certain for certain purposes  
7           under certain circumstances; providing an  
8           exception; specifying required information;  
9           providing for temporary stickers for annual  
10          renewal cards; providing an effective date.

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

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14           Section 1. Section 627.4302, Florida Statutes, is  
15 created to read:

16                   627.4302 Identification cards for processing  
17 prescription drug claims.--

18                   (1) The purpose of this section is to improve patient  
19 care by minimizing confusion, eliminating unnecessary work,  
20 decreasing patient wait time, and improving business  
21 efficiencies.

22                   (2) Any health insurer or health maintenance  
23 organization and all state and local government entities  
24 entering into an agreement to provide coverage for  
25 prescription drugs on an outpatient basis shall provide a  
26 benefits identification card containing the following  
27 information:

28                   (a) The name of the claim processor.

29                   (b) The electronic claims payor identification number  
30 or the issuer identification number, also referred to as the  
31 Banking Identification Number or "BIN," assigned by the

1 American National Standards Institute, unless instruction is  
2 provided on the card for ready access to such number by  
3 electronic means.

4 (c) The insured's prescription group number.

5 (d) The insured's identification number.

6 (e) The insured's name.

7 (f) The claims submission name and address.

8 (g) The help desk telephone number.

9 (h) Any other information that the entity finds will  
10 assist in the processing of the claim.

11 (3) The benefits identification card shall present the  
12 information in a manner readily identifiable or,  
13 alternatively, the information may be embedded in the card and  
14 available through magnetic stripe or smart card. The  
15 information may also be provided through other electronic  
16 technology.

17 (4) Any entity providing a health benefits  
18 identification card containing all of the information required  
19 by this section shall not be required to provide a separate  
20 identification card for prescription drug benefits.

21 (5) A benefits identification card required under  
22 subsection (2) shall be issued no later than 60 days after any  
23 change in the information contained on the card becomes  
24 effective. If any entity subject to this section issues annual  
25 renewal cards, it may issue a temporary sticker containing the  
26 new information in lieu of issuing a new card prior to the  
27 annual renewal date. Such sticker shall be designed so that  
28 it can be attached to the existing card.

29 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2002,  
30 and shall apply to policies or contracts issued or renewed on  
31 or after that date.