

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative(s) Homan offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between line(s) 197 and 198, insert:

5 Section 5. Subsection (2) of section 627.638, Florida
6 Statutes, is amended to read:

7 627.638 Direct payment for hospital, medical services.--

8 (2) Whenever, in any health insurance claim form, an
9 insured specifically authorizes payment of benefits directly to
10 any recognized hospital, ~~or~~ physician, or dentist, the insurer
11 shall make such payment to the designated provider of such
12 services, unless otherwise provided in the insurance contract.

13 The insurance contract may not prohibit, and claims forms must
14 provide option for, the payment of benefits directly to a
15 licensed hospital, physician, and dentist for care provided

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16 pursuant to s. 395.1041. The insurer may require written
17 attestation of assignment of benefits. Payment to the provider
18 from the insurer shall be no more than the amount that the
19 insurer would otherwise have paid without the assignment.

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Remove the entire title and insert:

A bill to be entitled
An act relating to health care; creating a commission to study the effect of the 2004 hurricane season on certain hospitals and identify hospitals unable to comply with the Florida Building Code or located in flood-prone areas; providing for membership, reimbursement, and duties of the study commission; requiring the Department of Community Affairs to provide staff for the study commission; requiring the commission to submit a report and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature; creating a health insurance plan study group; specifying membership; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Office of Insurance Regulation to provide staff support; requiring the study group to investigate certain issues relating to health insurance plans; requiring the group to meet and submit recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature; directing the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct a study to evaluate

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HOUSE AMENDMENT

Bill No. HB 1125 CS

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43 | whether the State of Florida should join the Nurse
44 | Licensure Compact and to submit a report to the
45 | Legislature; providing that a licensee that failed to
46 | renew its ambulatory surgical center license may meet the
47 | requirements of the Florida Building Code under certain
48 | specified circumstances; amending s. 627.638, F.S.;
49 | proscribing insurance contracts from prohibiting payment
50 | of benefits directly to licensed hospitals, physicians,
51 | and dentists for certain care; providing a claims form
52 | requirement; authorizing insurers to make certain
53 | requirements; providing a limitation on certain payment to
54 | providers; providing an effective date.

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