

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to nurse registries; amending s. 400.506,
 3 F.S.; requiring a nurse registry to provide information
 4 regarding additional visits by registered nurses and the
 5 cost thereof; providing an effective date.

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

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 9 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (10) of section
 10 400.506, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11 400.506 Licensure of nurse registries; requirements;
 12 penalties.--

13 (10)

14 (c) When a certified nursing assistant or home health aide
 15 is referred to a patient's home by a nurse registry, the nurse
 16 registry shall advise the patient, the patient's family, or a
 17 person acting on behalf of the patient at the time of
 18 contracting for services through the nurse registry of the
 19 availability of registered nurses to visit the patient's home at
 20 an additional cost. A registered nurse shall make monthly visits
 21 ~~to the patient's home to assess the patient's condition and~~
 22 ~~quality of care being provided by the certified nursing~~
 23 ~~assistant or home health aide.~~ Any condition which in the
 24 professional judgment of the nurse requires further medical
 25 attention shall be reported to the attending physician and the
 26 nurse registry. The assessment shall become a part of the
 27 patient's file with the nurse registry and may be reviewed by
 28 the agency during their survey procedure.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.