

1 456.053(3)(h) and providing services under the scope of
2 licenses of the members of the group practice.

3 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 641.234, Florida
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 641.234 Administrative, provider, and management
6 contracts.--

7 (4)(a) If a health maintenance organization, ~~through a~~
8 ~~health care risk contract,~~ transfers to any entity the
9 obligations to pay any provider for any claims arising from
10 services provided to or for the benefit of any subscriber of
11 the organization, the health maintenance organization shall
12 remain responsible for any violations of ss. 641.3155,
13 641.3156, and 641.51(4). The provisions of ss.
14 624.418-624.4211 and 641.52 shall apply to any such
15 violations.

16 (b) As used in this subsection, +

17 ~~1. The term "health care risk contract" means a~~
18 ~~contract under which an entity receives compensation in~~
19 ~~exchange for providing to the health maintenance organization~~
20 ~~a provider network or other services, which may include~~
21 ~~administrative services.~~

22 ~~2. the term "entity" means a person licensed as an~~
23 ~~administrator under s. 626.88 and does not include any~~
24 ~~provider or group practice, as defined in s. 456.053,~~
25 ~~providing services under the scope of the license of the~~
26 ~~provider or the members of the group practice. The term does~~
27 ~~not include a hospital providing billing, claims, and~~
28 ~~collection services solely on its own and its physicians'~~
29 ~~behalf and providing services under the scope of its license.~~

30 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2005.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Redefines the term "fiscal intermediary services organization" to remove an exclusion provided for certain organizations owned, operated, or controlled by a hospital and to clarify that the term includes certain group practices. Provides that a health maintenance organization remains responsible for certain violations regardless of the form of certain transfers of the obligation to pay claims.