

By the Committee on Health Care; and Senator Saunders

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to nurse registries; amending s. 400.506, F.S.; revising requirements for home visits by registered nurses; deleting a mandatory requirement for monthly visits; requiring that the patient be notified of the availability of optional visits; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

(10)

(c) When a certified nursing assistant or home health aide is referred to a patient's home by a nurse registry, the nurse registry shall advise the patient, the patient's family, or any other person acting on behalf of the patient at the time the contract for services is made that registered nurses are available to visit the patient's home for an additional cost. ~~A registered nurse shall make monthly visits to the patient's home to assess the patient's condition and quality of care being provided by the certified nursing assistant or home health aide.~~ Any condition which in the professional judgment of the nurse requires further medical attention shall be reported to the attending physician and the nurse registry. A record of the nurse's visit ~~The assessment~~ shall become a part of the patient's file with the nurse registry and may be reviewed by the agency during their survey procedure.

1 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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3 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
5 SB 474

6 The Committee Substitute revises the circumstances under which
7 a nurse registry must provide the services of a registered
8 nurse to patients. When a nurse registry refers a certified
9 nursing assistant or home health aide to a patient's home, the
10 nurse registry must advise the patient, the patient's family,
11 or any other person acting on behalf of the patient that a
12 registered nurse is available to make monthly visits to the
13 patient's home for an additional cost.
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