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<u>Senate</u> <u>House</u>

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Representative(s) Homan offered the following:

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On page

On page 2, between lines 24 and 25, insert:

5 6 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 627.638, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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627.638 Direct payment for hospital, medical services.-(2) Whenever, in any health insurance claim form, an

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insured specifically authorizes payment of benefits directly to

10 11 any recognized hospital, or physician, or dentist, the insurer shall make such payment to the designated provider of such

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services, unless otherwise provided in the insurance contract.

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The insurance contract may not prohibit, and claims forms must

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licensed hospital, physician, and dentist for care provided

provide option for, the payment of benefits directly to a

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

======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ==========

On page 1, line 2, remove all of said line, and insert:

An act relating to health care; amending s. 627.638, F.S.;

proscribing insurance contracts from prohibiting payment of

benefits directly to licensed hospitals, physicians, and

dentists for certain care; providing a claims form requirement;

authorizing insurers to make certain requirements; providing a

limitation on certain payments to providers; creating a