## Florida Senate - 2007

## CS for SB 1188

By the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and Senator Lynn

597-2469-07 1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to direct payment for services under health insurance policies; amending s. 3 627.638, F.S.; including licensed basic life 4 5 support or advanced life support providers б under provisions for direct payment for certain 7 services under health insurance policies; 8 providing an effective date. 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 11 12 Section 1. Section 627.638, Florida Statutes, is 13 amended to read: 627.638 Direct payment for <u>ambulance</u>, hospital, 14 medical services.--15 (1) Any health insurance policy insuring against loss 16 17 or expense due to hospital confinement or to medical and 18 related services may provide for payment of benefits directly to any recognized hospital, licensed basic life support or 19 advanced life support provider, doctor, or other person who 20 provided the services, in accordance with the provisions of 21 22 the policy. To comply with this section, the words "or to  $\underline{\mathrm{or}}$ 23 from the hospital, licensed basic life support or advanced life support provider, doctor, or person rendering services 2.4 covered by this policy," or similar words appropriate to the 25 terms of the policy, shall be added to applicable provisions 26 27 of the policy. 28 (2) Whenever, in any health insurance claim form, an 29 insured specifically authorizes payment of benefits directly to any recognized hospital, licensed basic life support or 30 advanced life support provider, physician, or dentist, the 31 1

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1	insurer shall make such payment to the designated provider of
2	such services, unless otherwise provided in the insurance
3	contract. The insurance contract may not prohibit, and claims
4	forms must provide an option for, the payment of benefits
5	directly to a licensed hospital, <u>licensed basic life support</u>
6	or advanced life support provider, physician, or dentist for
7	care provided pursuant to s. 395.1041 and to a licensed basic
8	life support or advanced life support provider licensed
9	pursuant to chapter 401 for transportation or treatment. The
10	insurer may require written attestation of assignment of
11	benefits. Payment to the provider from the insurer may not be
12	more than the amount that the insurer would otherwise have
13	paid without the assignment.
14	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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16	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
17	Senate Bill 1188
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19	The committee substitute provides the following change:
20	Prohibits health insurance contracts from prohibiting the payment of benefits directly to a licensed basic life
21	support or advanced life support provider.
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