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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to direct payment for services under  
3           health insurance policies; amending s. 627.638, F.S.;  
4           including ambulance services providers under provisions  
5           for direct payment for certain services under health  
6           insurance policies; providing an effective date.

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

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10           Section 1. Section 627.638, Florida Statutes, is amended  
11           to read:

12           627.638 Direct payment for ambulance, hospital, medical  
13           services.--

14           (1) Any health insurance policy insuring against loss or  
15           expense due to hospital confinement or to medical and related  
16           services may provide for payment of benefits directly to any  
17           recognized hospital, ambulance services provider, doctor, or  
18           other person who provided the services, in accordance with the  
19           provisions of the policy. To comply with this section, the words  
20           "or to the hospital, ambulance services provider, doctor, or  
21           person rendering services covered by this policy," or similar  
22           words appropriate to the terms of the policy, shall be added to  
23           applicable provisions of the policy.

24           (2) Whenever, in any health insurance claim form, an  
25           insured specifically authorizes payment of benefits directly to  
26           any recognized hospital, ambulance services provider, physician,  
27           or dentist, the insurer shall make such payment to the  
28           designated provider of such services, unless otherwise provided

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29 | in the insurance contract. The insurance contract may not  
30 | prohibit, and claims forms must provide an option for, the  
31 | payment of benefits directly to a licensed hospital, physician,  
32 | or dentist for care provided pursuant to s. 395.1041 and to an  
33 | ambulance services provider licensed pursuant to chapter 401 for  
34 | transportation or treatment. The insurer may require written  
35 | attestation of assignment of benefits. Payment to the provider  
36 | from the insurer may not be more than the amount that the  
37 | insurer would otherwise have paid without the assignment.

38 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.