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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to health insurance; amending ss. 627.642,  
3 627.657, and 641.31, F.S.; requiring an identification  
4 card containing specified information to be given to  
5 insureds under health benefit plans and group health  
6 insurance policies and persons having health care services  
7 through health maintenance contracts; providing  
8 applicability; providing an effective date.  
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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12 Section 1. Subsection (3) is added to section 627.642,  
13 Florida Statutes, to read:

14 627.642 Outline of coverage.--

15 (3) In addition to the outline of coverage, a policy as  
16 specified in s. 627.6699(3)(k) must be accompanied by an  
17 identification card that contains, at a minimum:

18 (a) The name of the organization issuing the policy or the  
19 name of the organization administering the policy, whichever  
20 applies.

21 (b) The name of the contract holder.

22 (c) The type of plan only if the plan is filed in the  
23 state, an indication that the plan is self-funded, or the name  
24 of the network.

25 (d) The member identification number, contract number, and  
26 policy or group number, if applicable.

27 (e) A contact phone number or electronic address for  
28 authorizations.

29        (f) A phone number or electronic address whereby the  
 30 covered person or hospital, physician, or other person rendering  
 31 services covered by the policy may determine if the plan is  
 32 insured and may obtain a benefits verification in order to  
 33 estimate patient financial responsibility, in compliance with  
 34 privacy rules under the Health Insurance Portability and  
 35 Accountability Act.

36        (g) The national plan identifier, in accordance with the  
 37 compliance date set forth by the federal Department of Health  
 38 and Human Services.

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 40 The identification card must present the information in a  
 41 readily identifiable manner or, alternatively, the information  
 42 may be embedded on the card and available through magnetic  
 43 stripe or smart card. The information may also be provided  
 44 through other electronic technology.

45        Section 2. Present subsection (2) of section 627.657,  
 46 Florida Statutes, is renumbered as subsection (3), and a new  
 47 subsection (2) is added to that section, to read:

48        627.657 Provisions of group health insurance policies.--

49        (2) The medical policy as specified in s. 627.6699(3)(k)  
 50 must be accompanied by an identification card that contains, at  
 51 a minimum:

52        (a) The name of the organization issuing the policy or  
 53 name of the organization administering the policy, whichever  
 54 applies.

55        (b) The name of the certificateholder.

56        (c) The type of plan only if the plan is filed in the

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57 state, an indication that the plan is self-funded, or the name  
58 of the network.

59 (d) The member identification number, contract number, and  
60 policy or group number, if applicable.

61 (e) A contact phone number or electronic address for  
62 authorizations.

63 (f) A phone number or electronic address whereby the  
64 covered person or hospital, physician, or other person rendering  
65 services covered by the policy may determine if the plan is  
66 insured and may obtain a benefits verification in order to  
67 estimate patient financial responsibility, in compliance with  
68 privacy rules under the Health Insurance Portability and  
69 Accountability Act.

70 (g) The national plan identifier, in accordance with the  
71 compliance date set forth by the federal Department of Health  
72 and Human Services.

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74 The identification card must present the information in a  
75 readily identifiable manner or, alternatively, the information  
76 may be embedded on the card and available through magnetic  
77 stripe or smart card. The information may also be provided  
78 through other electronic technology.

79 Section 3. Subsection (41) is added to section 641.31,  
80 Florida Statutes, to read:

81 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--

82 (41) The contract, certificate, or member handbook must be  
83 accompanied by an identification card that contains, at a  
84 minimum:

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85 (a) The name of the organization offering the contract or  
86 name of the organization administering the contract, whichever  
87 applies.

88 (b) The name of the subscriber.

89 (c) A statement that the health plan is a health  
90 maintenance organization. Only a health plan with a certificate  
91 of authority issued under this chapter may be identified as a  
92 health maintenance organization.

93 (d) The member identification number, contract number, and  
94 group number, if applicable.

95 (e) A contact phone number or electronic address for  
96 authorizations.

97 (f) A phone number or electronic address whereby the  
98 covered person or hospital, physician, or other person rendering  
99 services covered by the contract may determine if the plan is  
100 insured and may obtain a benefits verification in order to  
101 estimate patient financial responsibility, in compliance with  
102 privacy rules under the Health Insurance Portability and  
103 Accountability Act.

104 (g) The national plan identifier, in accordance with the  
105 compliance date set forth by the federal Department of Health  
106 and Human Services.

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108 The identification card must present the information in a  
109 readily identifiable manner or, alternatively, the information  
110 may be embedded on the card and available through magnetic  
111 stripe or smart card. The information may also be provided  
112 through other electronic technology.

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113           Section 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2008, and  
114 shall apply to identification cards issued for policies or  
115 certificates issued or renewed on or after that date.