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11	Senator Posey moved the following amendment:
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13	Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)
14	On page 76, between lines 29 and 30,
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16	insert:
17	(c)1. With respect to any treatment or service, other
18	than medical services billed by a hospital or other provider
19	for emergency services as defined in s. 395.002 or inpatient
20	services rendered at a hospital-owned facility, the statement
21	of charges must be furnished to the insurer by the provider
22	and may not include, and the insurer is not required to pay,
23	charges for treatment or services rendered more than 35 days
24	before the postmark date or electronic transmission date of
25	the statement, except for past due amounts previously billed
26	on a timely basis under this paragraph, and except that, if
27	the provider submits to the insurer a notice of initiation of
28	treatment within 21 days after its first examination or
29	treatment of the claimant, the statement may include charges
30	for treatment or services rendered up to, but not more than,

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party is not liable for, and the provider shall not bill the injured party for, charges that are unpaid because of the provider's failure to comply with this paragraph. Any agreement requiring the injured person or insured to pay for such charges is unenforceable.

- 2. If, however, the insured fails to furnish the provider with the correct name and address of the insured's personal injury protection insurer, the provider has 35 days from the date the provider obtains the correct information to furnish the insurer with a statement of the charges. The insurer is not required to pay for such charges unless the provider includes with the statement documentary evidence that was provided by the insured during the 35-day period demonstrating that the provider reasonably relied on erroneous information from the insured and either:
  - a. A denial letter from the incorrect insurer; or
- b. Proof of mailing, which may include an affidavit under penalty of perjury, reflecting timely mailing to the incorrect address or insurer.
- 3. For emergency services and care as defined in s.

  395.002 rendered in a hospital emergency department or for transport and treatment rendered by an ambulance provider licensed pursuant to part III of chapter 401, the provider is not required to furnish the statement of charges within the time periods established by this paragraph; and the insurer shall not be considered to have been furnished with notice of the amount of covered loss for purposes of paragraph (4)(b) until it receives a statement complying with paragraph (d), or copy thereof, which specifically identifies the place of service to be a hospital emergency department or an ambulance in accordance with billing standards recognized by the Health 8:15 AM 10/05/07

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Care Finance Administration.

4. Each notice of insured's rights under s. 627.7401 must include the following statement in type no smaller than 12 points:

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BILLING REQUIREMENTS. -- Florida Statutes provide that with respect to any treatment or services, other than certain hospital and emergency services, the statement of charges furnished to the insurer by the provider may not include, and the insurer and the injured party are not required to pay, charges for treatment or services rendered more than 35 days before the postmark date of the statement, except for past due amounts previously billed on a timely basis, and except that, if the provider submits to the insurer a notice of initiation of treatment within 21 days after its first examination or treatment of the claimant, the statement may include charges for treatment or services rendered up to, but not more than, 75 days before the postmark date of the statement.

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==== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T ==== And the directory clause is amended as follows:

On page 62, line 12, delete that line

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and insert: subsection (4), paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of subsection (5),

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1	========== TITLE AMENDMENT ==========
2	And the title is amended as follows:
3	On page 3, line 26, after the semicolon,
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5	insert:
6	providing for electronic transmission of
7	certain statements;
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