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<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
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3/11/2008	.	
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1 The Committee on Commerce (Oelrich) recommended the following
2 **amendment:**

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4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Delete line(s) 34-61

6 and insert:

7 Section 1. Section 627.638, Florida Statutes, is amended
8 to read:

9 627.638 Direct payment for hospital, medical services.--

10 (1) A ~~Any~~ health insurance policy insuring against loss or
11 expense due to hospital confinement or to medical and related
12 services may provide for payment of benefits directly to any
13 ~~recognized~~ hospital, licensed ambulance provider, physician
14 ~~doctor~~, or other person who provided the services, in accordance
15 with the provisions of the policy. To comply with this section,



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16 the words "or to the hospital, licensed ambulance provider,
17 physician ~~doctor~~, or person rendering services covered by this
18 policy," or similar words appropriate to the terms of the
19 policy, must ~~shall~~ be added to applicable provisions of the
20 policy.

21 (2) ~~If Whenever, in any health insurance claim form,~~ an
22 insured specifically authorizes payment of benefits directly to
23 any ~~recognized~~ hospital, licensed ambulance provider, physician,
24 ~~or~~ dentist, or other person who provided the services, in
25 accordance with the provisions of the policy, the insurer shall
26 make such payment to the designated provider of such services,
27 ~~unless otherwise provided in the insurance contract.~~ The
28 insurance contract may not prohibit, and claims forms must
29 provide an option for, the payment of benefits directly to a
30 licensed hospital, licensed ambulance provider, physician, or
31 dentist for care provided ~~pursuant to s. 395.1041.~~ The insurer
32 may require a provider to retain and make available upon request
33 a written attestation of assignment of benefits. The attestation
34 assigning benefits may be transferred to the insurer in
35 electronic form. Payment to the provider from the insurer may
36 not be more than the amount that the insurer would otherwise
37 have paid without the assignment.

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

40 And the title is amended as follows:
41 Delete line(s) 5-6
42 and insert:



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43 | authorizing an insurer to require a provider to make
44 | available a written attestation of assignment of benefits;
45 | authorizing the attestation to be transferred to the
46 | insurer in electronic