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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to health insurance; amending s. 627.4236,  
3 F.S.; revising the definition of the term "bone marrow  
4 transplant"; amending ss. 627.642, 627.657, and 641.31,  
5 F.S.; requiring an identification card containing  
6 specified information to be given to insureds under health  
7 benefit plans and group health insurance policies and  
8 persons having health care services through health  
9 maintenance contracts; providing applicability; providing  
10 an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 627.4236, Florida  
15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16 627.4236 Coverage for bone marrow transplant procedures.--

17 (1) As used in this section, the term "bone marrow  
18 transplant" means human blood precursor cells administered to a  
19 patient to restore normal hematological and immunological  
20 functions following ablative or nonablative therapy with curative  
21 or life-prolonging intent. Human blood precursor cells may be  
22 obtained from the patient in an autologous transplant or from a  
23 medically acceptable related or unrelated donor, and may be  
24 derived from bone marrow, circulating blood, or a combination of  
25 bone marrow and circulating blood. If chemotherapy is an integral  
26 part of the treatment involving bone marrow transplantation, the  
27 term "bone marrow transplant" includes both the transplantation  
28 and the chemotherapy.

29 Section 2. Subsection (3) is added to section 627.642,

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30 Florida Statutes, to read:

31 627.642 Outline of coverage.--

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

35 (a) The name of the organization issuing the policy or the  
36 name of the organization administering the policy, whichever  
37 applies.

38 (b) The name of the contract holder.

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

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

44 (e) A contact phone number or electronic address for  
45 authorizations and admission certifications.

46 (f) A phone number or electronic address whereby the  
47 covered person or hospital, physician, or other person rendering  
48 services covered by the policy may obtain benefits verification  
49 and information in order to estimate patient financial  
50 responsibility, in compliance with privacy rules under the Health  
51 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

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

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56 The identification card must present the information in a readily  
57 identifiable manner or, alternatively, the information may be  
58 embedded on the card and available through magnetic stripe or

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59 smart card. The information may also be provided through other  
60 electronic technology.

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

64 627.657 Provisions of group health insurance policies.--

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

68 (a) The name of the organization issuing the policy or name  
69 of the organization administering the policy, whichever applies.

70 (b) The name of the certificateholder.

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

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

76 (e) A contact phone number or electronic address for  
77 authorizations and admission certifications.

78 (f) A phone number or electronic address whereby the  
79 covered person or hospital, physician, or other person rendering  
80 services covered by the policy may obtain benefits verification  
81 and information in order to estimate patient financial  
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89 identifiable manner or, alternatively, the information may be  
90 embedded on the card and available through magnetic stripe or  
91 smart card. The information may also be provided through other  
92 electronic technology.

93 Section 4. Subsection (41) is added to section 641.31,  
94 Florida Statutes, to read:

95 641.31 Health maintenance contracts.--

96 (41) The contract, certificate, or member handbook must be  
97 accompanied by an identification card that contains, at a  
98 minimum:

99 (a) The name of the organization offering the contract or  
100 name of the organization administering the contract, whichever  
101 applies.

102 (b) The name of the subscriber.

103 (c) A statement that the health plan is a health  
104 maintenance organization. Only a health plan with a certificate  
105 of authority issued under this chapter may be identified as a  
106 health maintenance organization.

107 (d) The member identification number, contract number, and  
108 group number, if applicable.

109 (e) A contact phone number or electronic address for  
110 authorizations and admission certifications.

111 (f) A phone number or electronic address whereby the  
112 covered person or hospital, physician, or other person rendering  
113 services covered by the contract may obtain benefits verification  
114 and information in order to estimate patient financial  
115 responsibility, in compliance with privacy rules under the Health  
116 Insurance Portability and Accountability Act.

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118 compliance date set forth by the federal Department of Health and  
119 Human Services.

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122 identifiable manner or, alternatively, the information may be  
123 embedded on the card and available through magnetic stripe or  
124 smart card. The information may also be provided through other  
125 electronic technology.

126        Section 5. This act shall take effect January 1, 2009, and  
127 shall apply to identification cards issued for policies or  
128 certificates issued or renewed on or after that date.