

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to health care clinics; amending s.
3 400.9905, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
4 "clinic" to provide that pt. X of ch. 400, F.S., the
5 Health Care Clinic Act, does not apply to entities that do
6 not seek reimbursement from insurance companies for
7 medical services paid pursuant to personal injury
8 protection, bodily injury liability, personal liability
9 umbrella, or uninsured motorist coverage; amending s.
10 400.9935, F.S.; providing for a unique identification
11 number for licensed clinics and entities holding
12 certificates of exemption; requiring the Office of
13 Insurance Regulation to issue unique identification
14 numbers, under certain circumstances, and publish the
15 numbers on its Internet website in a specified format;
16 providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Paragraph (m) is added to subsection (4) of
21 section 400.9905, Florida Statutes, to read:

22 400.9905 Definitions.--

23 (4) "Clinic" means an entity at which health care services
24 are provided to individuals and which tenders charges for
25 reimbursement for such services, including a mobile clinic and a
26 portable equipment provider. For purposes of this part, the term
27 does not include and the licensure requirements of this part do
28 not apply to:

29 (m) Entities that do not seek reimbursement from insurance
 30 companies for medical services paid pursuant to personal injury
 31 protection coverage required by s. 627.736, bodily injury
 32 liability coverage, personal liability umbrella coverage, or
 33 uninsured motorist coverage.

34 Section 2. Subsection (10) is added to section 400.9935,
 35 Florida Statutes, to read:

36 400.9935 Clinic responsibilities.--

37 (10) Any clinic holding an active license and any entity
 38 holding a current certificate of exemption may request a unique
 39 identification number from the Office of Insurance Regulation
 40 for the purposes of submitting claims to personal injury
 41 protection insurance carriers for services or treatment pursuant
 42 to part XI of chapter 627. Upon request, the Office of Insurance
 43 Regulation shall assign a unique identification number to a
 44 clinic holding an active license or an entity holding a current
 45 certificate of exemption. The Office of Insurance Regulation
 46 shall publish the identification number of each clinic and
 47 entity on its Internet website in a searchable format that is
 48 readily accessible to personal injury protection insurance
 49 carriers.

50 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.