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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to health care transition programs and  
3           services for adolescents and young adults who have special  
4           health care needs; providing legislative intent;  
5           establishing an office within the Division of Children's  
6           Medical Services Network in the Department of Health to  
7           implement a health care transition program for adolescents  
8           and young adults who have special health care needs;  
9           specifying duties of the office with respect to the  
10          oversight, implementation, and coordination of the  
11          program; requiring that the office provide technical  
12          assistance to communities, providers, and organizations;  
13          requiring the Department of Health, in partnership with  
14          the Agency for Health Care Administration, to seek a  
15          federal waiver or state plan amendment for addressing the  
16          compensation of health care providers and improving access  
17          to adult and specialty health care for adolescents and  
18          young adults who have special health care needs; requiring  
19          the department to work with the Office of Insurance  
20          Regulation on policies relating to medical management and  
21          health care transition services for adolescents and young  
22          adults with special health care needs; authorizing the  
23          department to enter into contracts, contingent upon  
24          appropriations, with local health and transition services  
25          programs; providing requirements for program structure and  
26          design; specifying the services that may be offered by  
27          local health and transition services programs; requiring  
28          that at least one health and transition services program

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29 | be associated with each of the eight regions of the  
 30 | Children's Medical Services Network; requiring an  
 31 | evaluation of the program; providing an effective date.

33 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

35 | Section 1. Legislative intent; health care transition  
 36 | programs and services for adolescents and young adults who have  
 37 | special health care needs.-

38 | (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide a  
 39 | strategic and comprehensive approach to the development and  
 40 | implementation of effective health care transition programs and  
 41 | services for adolescents and young adults who have special  
 42 | health care needs.

43 | (2) An office is established within the Division of  
 44 | Children's Medical Services Network which shall be responsible  
 45 | for:

46 | (a) Overseeing and implementing the national maternal and  
 47 | child health goals, using existing state plans, in order to  
 48 | implement effective transition programs for adolescents and  
 49 | young adults who have special health care needs. As used in this  
 50 | section, the term "adolescents and young adults who have special  
 51 | health care needs" means individuals who are at least 12 years  
 52 | of age but not more than 26 years of age; who have chronic  
 53 | physical, developmental, behavioral, or emotional conditions;  
 54 | and who require health care or related services of a type or  
 55 | amount beyond that which is generally required by adolescents or  
 56 | young adults.

57        (b) Developing a planning and implementation process and  
58 the necessary resource guides that community providers and  
59 organizations may use to develop coordinated systems of services  
60 for adolescents and young adults who have special health care  
61 needs. The coordinated system of services shall include  
62 different models that accommodate the geographic and cultural  
63 diversity of the state and are adapted to the local needs of  
64 communities and local health services delivery systems. The  
65 models shall promote the integration of health care transition  
66 services with transition programs in education, vocational  
67 rehabilitation, and independent living and shall address the  
68 varying needs of subpopulations, such as students who are  
69 enrolled in postsecondary educational institutions and  
70 individuals in the child welfare or juvenile justice system.

71        (c) Developing and disseminating resource guides that  
72 outline the various public and private health care financing  
73 options, including commercial insurance, and their respective  
74 health care benefits.

75        (d) Coordinating the program with training institutions,  
76 including medical centers, to identify and make available for  
77 health care providers existing training programs and the  
78 principles, objectives, and methods these programs have employed  
79 to successfully transfer adolescents and young adults who have  
80 special health care needs to adult health care providers.

81        (e) Maintaining and updating web-based materials related  
82 to health care transition which can be used by adolescents and  
83 young adults who have special health care needs and their  
84 families, providers, and others involved in health care

85 transition.

86 (f) Collecting and disseminating information in specific  
 87 clinical areas concerning evidenced-based practices and best  
 88 practices for providing health care transition services for  
 89 youth and young adults who have chronic special health care  
 90 needs or disabilities.

91 (g) Providing technical assistance to communities,  
 92 providers, and organizations that are involved in the  
 93 development and implementation of systems of services for  
 94 adolescents and young adults who have special health care needs.

95 (h) Developing and disseminating quality improvement and  
 96 evaluation components for health care transition programs. The  
 97 quality improvement and evaluation components must include a  
 98 common or comparable set of performance measures for all  
 99 entities that provide health care transition services for  
 100 adolescents and young adults who have special health care needs.

101 (3) The Department of Health shall work in partnership  
 102 with the Agency for Health Care Administration to seek a federal  
 103 waiver or state plan amendment that addresses health care  
 104 provider compensation strategies, including, but not limited to,  
 105 co-management, care plan development and oversight, provision of  
 106 a medical home, and use of telehealth technology to improve  
 107 access to adult and specialty health care for adolescents and  
 108 young adults who have special health care needs. For the  
 109 purposes of this section, the term "telehealth" means the  
 110 delivery of health-related services and information through the  
 111 use of telecommunications technologies.

112 (4) The Department of Health shall work with the Office of

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113 Insurance Regulation to explore and recommend effective policies  
114 that address medical management and health care transition  
115 services for adolescents and young adults who have special  
116 health care needs.

117 (5) The Department of Health may enter into contracts,  
118 contingent upon a specific appropriation provided in the General  
119 Appropriations Act for this purpose, with local health and  
120 transition services programs that meet the requirements of this  
121 section.

122 (6) The program structure and design must be adapted to  
123 the needs of the local community and health services delivery  
124 system; however, the following elements shall be in place in  
125 order to ensure the success of a local health and transition  
126 services program:

127 (a) A consultative partnership between adult and pediatric  
128 health care providers in a major medical health care  
129 organization or academic medical setting for the purpose of  
130 transferring adolescents and young adults to adult health care  
131 services.

132 (b) Community-based health care services that are provided  
133 under agreements with major health care organizations or  
134 academic medical centers for the purpose of providing  
135 consultation concerning the management of special health care  
136 needs.

137 (c) Community-based support organizations that can provide  
138 assistance with services such as supported living and  
139 employment, health insurance, and support services to maintain  
140 the young adult in the community.

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141 (d) A medical home that provides for coordinated and  
142 multidisciplinary care and focuses on engaging adult health care  
143 providers in the care and treatment of adolescents or young  
144 adults.

145 (7) The following services may be offered by the local  
146 health and transition services program to individuals who are  
147 served in the local health and transition services program:

148 (a) An assessment of health needs, education and  
149 vocational status and needs, and health insurance status.

150 (b) In coordination with the educational system,  
151 community-based organizations, and the vocational system, a plan  
152 for transition that includes adult health care services,  
153 education, habilitative services, independent living services,  
154 adult employment, and health insurance.

155 (c) Disease self-management programs.

156 (8) There shall be at least one transition program  
157 associated with each one of the eight regions of the Children's  
158 Medical Services Network, subject to the availability of funds.

159 (9) The local health and transition services program shall  
160 be evaluated by an organization or university that has expertise  
161 and experience in evaluating health care programs. The  
162 evaluation must be formative and cumulative and must include  
163 program process and outcome measures as well as client outcomes.  
164 The results of the evaluation may be used by the department to  
165 improve and develop other local health and transition services  
166 programs.

167 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.