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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to behavioral health services; amending s.
3 394.9082, F.S.; providing an exemption for certain
4 providers from participation in a community-based managing
5 entity that provides behavioral health services; providing
6 an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
11 394.9082, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

12 394.9082 Behavioral health managing entities.—

13 (4) CONTRACT FOR SERVICES.—

14 (a) The department may contract for the purchase and
15 management of behavioral health services with community-based
16 managing entities. The department may require a managing entity
17 to contract for specialized services that are not currently part
18 of the managing entity's network if the department determines
19 that to do so is in the best interests of consumers of services.
20 The secretary shall determine the schedule for phasing in
21 contracts with managing entities. The managing entities shall,
22 at a minimum, be accountable for the operational oversight of
23 the delivery of behavioral health services funded by the
24 department and for the collection and submission of the required
25 data pertaining to these contracted services. A managing entity
26 shall serve a geographic area designated by the department. The
27 geographic area must be of sufficient size in population and
28 have enough public funds for behavioral health services to allow

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29 | for flexibility and maximum efficiency. A provider located
30 | within a judicial circuit or other designated geographic area
31 | which demonstrates the capacity to fulfill the goals and
32 | essential elements set forth in subsections (5) and (6) shall be
33 | exempt from participating in a managing entity.

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