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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to behavioral health services;
3 amending s. 394.9082, F.S.; exempting certain
4 providers from participating in a community-based
5 managing entity for purposes of providing mental
6 health services or substance abuse prevention and
7 treatment services; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section
12 394.9082, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

13 394.9082 Behavioral health managing entities.—

14 (4) CONTRACT FOR SERVICES.—

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

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30 services to allow for flexibility and maximum efficiency.
31 Providers within a judicial circuit or other designated
32 geographic area which demonstrate the capacity to fulfill the
33 goals and essential elements set forth in subsections (5) and
34 (6) are exempt from participating in and providing services
35 through a managing entity.

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