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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Policy and Steering Committee on Ways and Means (Crist) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 525 and 526
insert:

Section 16. Subsection (2) of section 627.668, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.668 Optional coverage for mental and nervous disorders required; exception.—

(2) Under group policies or contracts, inpatient hospital benefits, partial hospitalization benefits, and outpatient benefits consisting of durational limits, dollar amounts, deductibles, and coinsurance factors shall not be less favorable



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13 for the necessary care and treatment of childhood ADD/ADHD, as
14 well as those psychiatric, developmental, psychotic, mood, and
15 anxiety disorders that are prescribed in the most recent edition
16 of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders,
17 published by the American Psychiatric Association, than for
18 physical illness generally. For all other mental and nervous
19 disorders not defined in this subsection, the durational limits,
20 dollar amounts, deductibles, and coinsurance factors shall be
21 made available to the extent ~~than for physical illness~~
22 generally, ~~except~~ that:

23 (a) Inpatient benefits may be limited to not less than 30
24 days per benefit year as defined in the policy or contract. If
25 inpatient hospital benefits are provided beyond 30 days per
26 benefit year, the durational limits, dollar amounts, and
27 coinsurance factors thereto need not be the same as applicable
28 to physical illness generally.

29 (b) Outpatient benefits may be limited to \$1,000 for
30 consultations with a licensed physician, a psychologist licensed
31 pursuant to chapter 490, a mental health counselor licensed
32 pursuant to chapter 491, a marriage and family therapist
33 licensed pursuant to chapter 491, and a clinical social worker
34 licensed pursuant to chapter 491. If benefits are provided
35 beyond the \$1,000 per benefit year, the durational limits,
36 dollar amounts, and coinsurance factors thereof need not be the
37 same as applicable to physical illness generally.

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39 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

40 And the title is amended as follows:

41 Delete line 84



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42 and insert:

43 or its operator or employee; amending s. 627.668,
44 F.S.; prohibiting specified benefits from being
45 considered less favorably for the necessary care and
46 treatment of certain psychiatric, developmental,
47 psychotic, mood, and anxiety disorders than for
48 physical illness generally under group policies or
49 contracts; providing an effective