

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to health benefit plans; creating s.  
 3           627.66991, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring certain  
 4           health benefit plans to authorize licensed pharmacists and  
 5           permitted pharmacies to serve as participating pharmacy  
 6           services providers for any of the plan's participants  
 7           under certain circumstances; 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.   Section 627.66991, Florida Statutes, is created  
 12           to read:

13                   627.66991 Health benefit plans; authorization of  
 14           participating pharmacy services providers.-

15                   (1) As used in this section, the term:

16                   (a) "Health benefit plan" has the same meaning as provided  
 17           in s. 627.6699.

18                   (b) "Pharmacy services" means services provided by a  
 19           pharmacist as defined in s. 465.003 licensed to practice the  
 20           profession of pharmacy as defined in s. 465.003.

21                   (2) A health benefit plan that provides pharmacy services  
 22           as a benefit must authorize a pharmacist licensed under chapter  
 23           465 or a pharmacy issued a permit under chapter 465, if the  
 24           pharmacist or pharmacy agrees to the plan's terms, conditions,  
 25           reimbursement rates, and standards of quality, to serve as a  
 26           participating pharmacy services provider for any of the plan's  
 27           participants.

28           Section 2.   This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.