

By Senator Hays

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

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

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12 Section 1. Section 627.66991, Florida Statutes, is created
13 to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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