By the Committee on Rules; and Senators Steube and Farmer

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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the payment of health care claims; amending s. 627.6131, F.S.; prohibiting a health insurer from retroactively denying a claim under specified circumstances; providing applicability; amending s. 641.3155, F.S.; prohibiting a health maintenance organization from retroactively denying a claim under specified circumstances; providing applicability; exempting certain Medicaid managed care plans; providing an effective date.

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

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Section 1. Subsection (11) of section 627.6131, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

627.6131 Payment of claims.-

- (11) A health insurer may not retroactively deny a claim because of insured ineligibility:
- (a) At any time, if the health insurer verified the eligibility of an insured at the time of treatment and provided an authorization number. This paragraph applies to policies entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2018.
- (b) More than 1 year after the date of payment of the claim.

Section 2. Subsection (10) of section 641.3155, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

641.3155 Prompt payment of claims.

(10) A health maintenance organization may not retroactively deny a claim because of subscriber ineligibility:

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(a) At any time, if the health maintenance organization verified the eligibility of a subscriber at the time of treatment and provided an authorization number. This paragraph applies to contracts entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2018. This paragraph does not apply to Medicaid managed care plans pursuant to part IV of chapter 409.

(b) More than 1 year after the date of payment of the claim.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.