

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Bean

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the pregnancy support services;
3 creating s. 381.96, F.S.; providing definitions;
4 requiring the Department of Health to contract with a
5 not-for-profit statewide alliance of organizations to
6 provide pregnancy support services through
7 subcontractors; providing duties of the department;
8 providing contract requirements; requiring the
9 contractor to spend a specified percentage of funds on
10 direct client services; requiring the contractor to
11 annually monitor subcontractors; providing for
12 subcontractor background screenings under certain
13 circumstances; specifying the entities eligible for a
14 subcontract; requiring services to be provided in a
15 noncoercive manner and forbidding the inclusion of
16 religious content; providing an effective date.

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

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20 Section 1. Section 1. Section 381.96, Florida Statutes, is
21 created to read:

22 381.96 Pregnancy support services.—

23 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

24 (a) "Department" means the Department of Health.

25 (b) "Eligible client" means a pregnant woman or a woman who
26 suspects she is pregnant, and the family of such woman, who
27 voluntarily seeks pregnancy support services. The woman and her
28 family shall continue to be eligible clients for no more than 12
29 months after the birth of the child.

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30 (c) "Florida Pregnancy Care Network, Inc.," or "network" means
31 the not-for-profit statewide alliance of pregnancy support
32 organizations that provide pregnancy support services and
33 wellness services through a comprehensive system of care to
34 women and their families.

35 (d) "Pregnancy support services" means services that
36 promote and encourage childbirth, including, but not limited to:

37 1. Direct client services, such as pregnancy testing,
38 counseling, referral, training, and education for pregnant women
39 and their families.

40 2. Program awareness activities, including a promotional
41 campaign to educate the public about the pregnancy support
42 services offered by the network and a website that provides
43 information on the location of providers in the user's area, as
44 well as other available community resources.

45 3. Communication activities, including the operation and
46 maintenance of a hotline or call center with a single statewide
47 toll-free number which is available 24 hours a day for an
48 eligible client to obtain the location and contact information
49 for a pregnancy center located in his or her area.

50 (e) "Wellness services" means services or activities
51 intended to maintain and improve health or prevent illness and
52 injury, including, but not limited to, high blood pressure
53 screening, flu vaccinations, anemia testing, thyroid screening,
54 cholesterol screening, diabetes screening, assistance with
55 smoking cessation, and tetanus vaccinations.

56 (2) DEPARTMENT DUTIES.—The department shall contract with
57 the network for the management and delivery of pregnancy support
58 services and wellness services to eligible clients.

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59 (3) CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.—The department contract shall
60 specify the contract deliverables, including financial reports
61 and other reports due to the department, timeframes for
62 achieving contractual obligations, and any other requirements
63 the department determines are necessary, such as staffing and
64 location requirements. The contract shall require the network
65 to:

66 (a) Establish, implement, and monitor a comprehensive
67 system of care through subcontractors to meet the pregnancy
68 support and wellness needs of eligible clients.

69 (b) Establish and manage subcontracts with a sufficient
70 number of providers to ensure the availability of pregnancy
71 support and wellness services for eligible clients, and maintain
72 and manage the delivery of such services throughout the contract
73 period.

74 (c) Spend at least 90 percent of the contract funds on
75 pregnancy support and wellness services.

76 (d) Offer wellness services through vouchers or other
77 appropriate arrangements that allow the purchase of services
78 from qualified health care providers.

79 (e) Require a background screening under s. 943.0542 for
80 all paid staff and volunteers of a subcontractor if such staff
81 or volunteers provide direct client services to an eligible
82 client who is a minor or an elderly person or who has a
83 disability.

84 (f) Annually monitor its subcontractors and specify the
85 sanctions that shall be imposed for noncompliance with the terms
86 of a subcontract.

87 (g) Subcontract only with providers that exclusively

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88 promote and support childbirth.

89 (h) Ensure that informational materials provided to an
90 eligible client by a provider are current and accurate and cite
91 the reference source of any medical statement included in such
92 materials.

93 (4) SERVICES.—Services provided pursuant to this section
94 must be provided in a noncoercive manner and may not include any
95 religious content.

96 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.