

By Senator Artiles

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to home health services; amending s.  
3           400.462, F.S.; revising the definitions of the terms  
4           "home health agency" and "organization" to include  
5           certain marketing organizations for providers of home  
6           health, homemaker, and companion services; providing  
7           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. Subsections (12) and (22) of section 400.462,  
12   Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

13           400.462 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

14           (12) "Home health agency" means an organization that  
15   provides home health services and staffing services or an  
16   organization created for the purpose of advertising or promoting  
17   providers of home health services or services provided by a  
18   homemaker or companion as provided under part III of this  
19   chapter.

20           (22) "Organization" means a corporation, government or  
21   governmental subdivision or agency, partnership or association,  
22   or any other legal or commercial entity, any of which involve  
23   more than one health care professional discipline; a health care  
24   professional and a home health aide or certified nursing  
25   assistant; more than one home health aide; more than one  
26   certified nursing assistant; ~~or~~ a home health aide and a  
27   certified nursing assistant; or an entity that advertises or  
28   promotes providers of home health services or services provided  
29   by a homemaker or companion as provided under part III of this

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30 chapter. The term does not include an entity that provides  
31 services using only volunteers or only individuals related by  
32 blood or marriage to the patient or client.

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