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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Appropriations (Lee) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete lines 24 - 58

and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 409.973, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

409.973 Benefits.—

(4) PRIMARY CARE INITIATIVE.—Each plan operating in the managed medical assistance program shall establish a program to encourage enrollees to establish a relationship with their primary care provider. Plans shall provide enrollees with the



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12 opportunity to enter into a direct primary care agreement with  
13 identified network primary care providers. Plans are encouraged  
14 to enter into alternative payment arrangements with primary care  
15 providers in their networks to allow for the election by a  
16 recipient for a direct primary care agreement within the  
17 Statewide Medicaid Managed Care program. In addition, each plan  
18 shall:

19 (a) Provide information to each enrollee on the importance  
20 of and procedure for selecting a primary care provider, and  
21 thereafter automatically assign to a primary care provider any  
22 enrollee who fails to choose a primary care provider.

23 (b) If the enrollee was not a Medicaid recipient before  
24 enrollment in the plan, assist the enrollee in scheduling an  
25 appointment with the primary care provider. If possible the  
26 appointment should be made within 30 days after enrollment in  
27 the plan. For enrollees who become eligible for Medicaid between  
28 January 1, 2014, and December 31, 2015, the appointment should  
29 be scheduled within 6 months after enrollment in the plan.

30 (c) Report to the agency the number of enrollees assigned  
31 to each primary care provider within the plan's network.

32 (d) Report to the agency the number of enrollees who have  
33 not had an appointment with their primary care provider within  
34 their first year of enrollment.

35 (e) Report to the agency the number of emergency room  
36 visits by enrollees who have not had at least one appointment  
37 with their primary care provider.

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39 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

40 And the title is amended as follows:



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41           Delete lines 3 - 9  
42 and insert:  
43           409.973, F.S.; requiring plans operating in the  
44           managed medical assistance program to provide  
45           enrollees an opportunity to enter into a direct  
46           primary care agreement with identified network primary  
47           care providers; encouraging such plans to enter into  
48           alternative payment arrangements with network primary  
49           care providers for a specified purpose; creating s.