

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

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

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

23 381.96 Pregnancy support and wellness services.-

24 (1) DEFINITIONS.- As used in this section, the term:

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

26 (b) "Eligible client" means a pregnant woman or a woman
27 who suspects she is pregnant, and the family of such woman, who
28 voluntarily seeks pregnancy support services and any woman who
29 voluntarily seeks wellness services.

30 (c) " Florida Pregnancy Care Network, Inc.," or "network"
31 means the not-for-profit statewide alliance of pregnancy support
32 organizations that provide pregnancy support and wellness
33 services through a comprehensive system of care to women and
34 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. A woman and her family shall continue to be
40 eligible to receive direct client services for up to 12 months
41 after the birth of the child.

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

47 3. Communication activities, including the operation and
48 maintenance of a hotline or call center with a single statewide
49 toll-free number that is available 24 hours a day for an

50 eligible client to obtain the location and contact information
51 for a pregnancy center located in his or her area.

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

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

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

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

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

75 period.

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

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

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

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

89 (g) Subcontract only with providers that exclusively
90 promote and support childbirth.

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

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

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