

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Healthy Florida Program;
3 providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision
4 to create chapter 638, F.S., entitled the "Healthy
5 Florida Act"; creating part I of ch. 638, F.S.,
6 entitled "General Provisions"; creating s. 638.501,
7 F.S.; providing legislative intent; creating s.
8 638.601, F.S.; establishing the Healthy Florida
9 Program, to be administered by the Healthy Florida
10 Board; creating s. 638.602, F.S.; providing
11 definitions; creating s. 638.603, F.S.; providing that
12 the act does not preempt any local government or
13 political subdivision of the state from providing
14 better coverages; creating s. 638.604, F.S.; providing
15 construction; providing a directive to the Division of
16 Law Revision to create part II of ch. 638, F.S.,
17 entitled "Governance"; creating s. 638.61, F.S.;
18 providing membership of the Healthy Florida Board;
19 providing membership requirements; authorizing
20 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses;
21 authorizing the board to make rules; creating s.
22 638.611, F.S.; providing the powers and duties of the
23 board; creating s. 638.612, F.S.; establishing a
24 public advisory committee; providing the method of,
25 and criteria for, appointment to the committee;

26 providing committee duties and requirements;
27 authorizing reimbursement for travel expenses;
28 creating s. 638.613, F.S.; authorizing the board to
29 contract with not-for-profit organizations for certain
30 purposes; creating s. 638.614, F.S.; requiring the
31 board to provide grants from the Health Florida Trust
32 Fund or other sources to health planning agencies;
33 creating s. 638.615, F.S.; requiring the board to
34 provide funds from the trust fund or other sources to
35 the Department of Economic Opportunity for retraining
36 and job transition for certain persons whose jobs
37 become obsolete; creating s. 638.616, F.S.; requiring
38 the board to provide for the collection and
39 availability of data for specified purposes; providing
40 that the data is open to the public; requiring the
41 board to conduct programs using the data for specified
42 purposes; creating s. 638.6161, F.S.; prohibiting law
43 enforcement agencies from using any Healthy Florida
44 Program personnel or property for specified purposes;
45 providing a directive to the Division of Law Revision
46 to create part III of ch. 638, F.S., entitled
47 "Eligibility and Enrollment"; creating s. 638.62,
48 F.S.; providing requirements for eligibility and
49 enrollment of residents and of students, or students'
50 dependents, who are nonresidents; providing a

51 directive to the Division of Law Revision to create
52 part IV of ch. 638, F.S., entitled "Benefits";
53 creating s. 638.63, F.S.; providing covered health
54 care benefits; providing a directive to the Division
55 of Law Revision to create part V of ch. 638, F.S.,
56 entitled "Delivery of Care"; creating s. 638.635,
57 F.S.; providing qualification standards for in-state
58 and out-of-state providers; providing membership
59 requirements for persons who are enrolled with
60 specified health care providers; creating s. 638.637,
61 F.S.; requiring that care coordination be provided to
62 members for specified purposes; providing requirements
63 and procedures related to care coordinators; requiring
64 the board to adopt rules; creating s. 638.639, F.S.;
65 requiring payment rates to be reasonable and cost-
66 efficient; providing requirements related to payments;
67 requiring the board to adopt rules; creating s.
68 638.64, F.S.; authorizing members to enroll with and
69 receive specified services from a health care
70 organization; providing requirements for a health care
71 organization; requiring the board to adopt certain
72 rules; providing construction; providing a directive
73 to the Division of Law Revision to create part VI of
74 ch. 638, F.S., entitled "Program Standards"; creating
75 s. 638.645, F.S.; providing standards for the Healthy

76 Florida Program and related service entities;
77 requiring the board to adopt certain rules; providing
78 requirements for care coordinators; requiring a
79 participating provider to furnish specified
80 information; providing a directive to the Division of
81 Law Revision to create part VII of ch. 638, F.S.,
82 entitled "Funding"; creating s. 638.65, F.S.;
83 providing duties of the board; authorizing the board
84 to take action to enable the program to operate as a
85 Medicare Part B provider and to provide specified drug
86 coverage under Medicare Part D; requiring the board to
87 adopt certain rules; requiring members to provide
88 specific information to obtain subsidies; creating s.
89 638.657, F.S.; providing legislative intent; providing
90 a directive to the Division of Law Revision to create
91 part VIII of ch. 638, F.S., entitled "Collective
92 Bargaining"; creating s. 638.66, F.S.; providing
93 definitions; creating s. 638.662, F.S.; authorizing
94 health care providers to meet and communicate for
95 purposes of collective bargaining with the Healthy
96 Florida Program; providing construction; creating s.
97 638.664, F.S.; providing requirements for collective
98 bargaining; providing construction; creating s.
99 638.666, F.S.; providing requirements for collective
100 bargaining for health care providers' representatives;

101 creating s. 638.668, F.S.; prohibiting competing
 102 health care providers from acting in concert in
 103 response to certain discussions or negotiations;
 104 prohibiting health care providers' representatives
 105 from negotiating any agreement that excludes or
 106 reduces the participation or reimbursement of, or the
 107 scope of services by, a provider regarding the
 108 services performed by the provider; providing
 109 severability; providing an effective date.

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

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113 Section 1. The Division of Law Revision is directed to
 114 create chapter 638, Florida Statutes, consisting of ss. 638.501-
 115 638.668, Florida Statutes, to be entitled the "Healthy Florida
 116 Act."

117 Section 2. Part I of chapter 638, Florida Statutes,
 118 consisting of ss. 638.501-638.604, Florida Statutes, is created
 119 and entitled "General Provisions."

120 Section 3. Section 638.501, Florida Statutes, is created
 121 to read:

122 638.501 Legislative intent.—

123 (1) The Legislature finds and declares all of the
 124 following:

125 (a) All residents of this state have the right to health

126 care. While the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
127 (PPACA), Pub. L. No. 111-148, brought many improvements in
128 health care and health care coverage, it still leaves many
129 Floridians without coverage or with inadequate coverage.

130 (b) Floridians, as individuals, employers, and taxpayers,
131 have experienced a rise in the cost of health care and health
132 care coverage in recent years, including rising premiums,
133 deductibles, and copayment, as well as restricted provider
134 networks and high out-of-network charges.

135 (c) Businesses have also experienced increases in the
136 costs of health care benefits for their employees, and many
137 employers are shifting a larger share of the cost of coverage to
138 their employees or dropping coverage entirely.

139 (d) Individuals often find that they are deprived of
140 affordable care and choice because of decisions by health
141 benefit plans guided by the plans' economic needs rather than
142 consumers' health care needs.

143 (e) To address the fiscal crisis facing the health care
144 system and this state, and to ensure Floridians can exercise
145 their right to health care, comprehensive health care coverage
146 must be provided.

147 (f) It is the intent of the Legislature to establish a
148 comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage
149 program and a health care cost control system for all residents
150 of this state.

151 (2) (a) It is further the intent of the Legislature to
152 establish the Healthy Florida Program to provide universal
153 health coverage for every Floridian based on his or her ability
154 to pay and funded by broad-based revenue.

155 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to work to obtain
156 waivers and other approvals relating to Medicaid, Florida's
157 Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicare, the PPACA, and
158 any other federal programs so that any federal funds and other
159 subsidies that would otherwise be paid to this state,
160 Floridians, and health care providers would be paid by the
161 Federal Government to this state and deposited into the Healthy
162 Florida Trust Fund.

163 (c) Under the waivers and approvals described in paragraph
164 (b), the funds shall be used for health coverage that provides
165 health benefits equal to or exceeded by those programs as well
166 as other program modifications, including elimination of cost
167 sharing and insurance premiums.

168 (d) Those programs shall be replaced and merged into the
169 Healthy Florida Program, which will operate as a true single-
170 payer program.

171 (e) If any necessary waivers or approvals are not
172 obtained, it is the intent of the Legislature that this state
173 use plan amendments and seek waivers and approvals to maximize,
174 and make as seamless as possible, the use of federally matched
175 public health programs and federal health programs in the

176 program.

177 (f) Thus, even if other programs such as Florida Medicaid
178 or Medicare may contribute to paying for care, it is the goal of
179 this chapter that the coverage be delivered by the program and,
180 as much as possible, that the multiple sources of funding be
181 pooled with other program funds and not be apparent to program
182 members or participating providers.

183 (3) This chapter does not create any employment benefit,
184 nor does it require, prohibit, or limit the providing of any
185 employment benefit.

186 (4) (a) It is the intent of the Legislature not to change
187 or impact the role or authority of any licensing board or state
188 agency that regulates the standards for or provision of health
189 care and the standards for health care providers as established
190 under current general law.

191 (b) This chapter does not authorize the Healthy Florida
192 Board, the Healthy Florida Program, or the Commissioner of
193 Insurance to establish or revise licensure standards for health
194 care providers.

195 (5) It is the intent of the Legislature that neither
196 health information technology nor clinical practice guidelines
197 limit the effective exercise of the professional judgment of
198 physicians and registered nurses. Physicians and registered
199 nurses shall be free to override health information technology
200 and clinical practice guidelines if, in their professional

201 judgment, it is in the best interest of the patient and
202 consistent with the patient's wishes.

203 (6) (a) It is the intent of the Legislature to prohibit the
204 program, a state agency, a local agency, or a public employee
205 acting under color of law from providing or disclosing to
206 anyone, including, but not limited to, the Federal Government,
207 any personally identifying information obtained, including, but
208 not limited to, a person's religious beliefs, practices, or
209 affiliation, national origin, ethnicity, or immigration status,
210 for law enforcement or immigration purposes.

211 (b) This chapter prohibits law enforcement agencies from
212 using the program's funds, facilities, property, equipment, or
213 personnel to investigate, enforce, or assist in the
214 investigation or enforcement of any criminal, civil, or
215 administrative violation or warrant for a violation of any
216 requirement that individuals register with the Federal
217 Government or any federal agency based on religion, national
218 origin, ethnicity, or immigration status.

219 (7) It is the further intent of the Legislature to address
220 the high cost of prescription drugs and ensure they are
221 affordable for patients.

222 Section 4. Section 638.601, Florida Statutes, is created
223 to read:

224 638.601 Healthy Florida Program.—There is hereby
225 established the Healthy Florida Program, to be administered by

226 the Healthy Florida Board pursuant to part II of this chapter.

227 Section 5. Section 638.602, Florida Statutes, is created
228 to read:

229 638.602 Definitions.—For the purposes of this chapter, the
230 term:

231 (1) "Affordable Care Act" or "PPACA" has the same meaning
232 as provided in s. 627.402.

233 (2) "Allied health practitioner" means a group of health
234 professionals who apply their expertise to prevent disease
235 transmission and to diagnose, treat, and rehabilitate people of
236 all ages and in all specialties. Together with a range of
237 technical and support staff, they may deliver direct patient
238 care, rehabilitation, treatment, diagnostics, and health
239 improvement interventions to restore and maintain optimal
240 physical, sensory, psychological, cognitive, and social
241 functions. Examples include, but are not limited to,
242 audiologists, occupational therapists, social workers, and
243 radiographers.

244 (3) "Board" means the Healthy Florida Board described in
245 s. 638.61.

246 (4) "Care coordination" means services provided by a care
247 coordinator under s. 638.637.

248 (5) "Care coordinator" means an individual or entity
249 approved by the board to provide care coordination under s.
250 638.637.

251 (6) "Carrier" means either a private health insurer
252 holding a valid outstanding certificate of authority from the
253 commissioner or other authorized provider, pursuant to general
254 law.

255 (7) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of the Office of
256 Insurance Regulation.

257 (8) "Committee" means the public advisory committee
258 established pursuant to s. 638.612.

259 (9) "Essential community providers" means individuals or
260 entities acting as safety net clinics, safety net health care
261 providers, or rural hospitals.

262 (10) "Federally matched public health program" means the
263 Florida Medicaid program under Title XIX of the Social Security
264 Act, 42 U.S.C. ss. 1396 et seq., and Florida's Children's Health
265 Insurance Program under Title XXI of the Social Security Act, 42
266 U.S.C. ss. 1397aa et seq.

267 (11) "Health care organization" means an entity that is
268 approved by the board under s. 638.64 to provide health care
269 services to members under the program.

270 (12) "Health care service" means any health care service,
271 including care coordination, that is included as a benefit under
272 the program.

273 (13) "Healthy Florida" or "program" means the Healthy
274 Florida Program established under s. 638.601.

275 (14) "Implementation period" means the period under s.

276 638.611(6) during which the program is subject to special
277 eligibility and financing provisions until it is fully
278 implemented under that subsection.

279 (15) "Integrated health care delivery system" means a
280 provider organization that meets all of the following criteria:

281 (a) Is fully integrated operationally and clinically to
282 provide a broad range of health care services, including
283 preventive care, prenatal and well-baby care, immunizations,
284 screening diagnostics, emergency services, hospital and medical
285 services, surgical services, and ancillary services.

286 (b) Is compensated by Healthy Florida using capitation or
287 facility budgets for the provision of health care services.

288 (16) "Long-term care" means long-term care, treatment,
289 maintenance, or services not covered under this state's
290 Children's Health Insurance Program, as appropriate, with the
291 exception of short-term rehabilitation, and as defined by the
292 board.

293 (17) "Medicaid" means a program that is one of the
294 following:

295 (a) The Florida Medicaid program under Title XIX of the
296 Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s. 1396 et seq.

297 (b) Florida's Children's Health Insurance Program under
298 Title XXI of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s. 1397aa et
299 seq.

300 (18) "Medicare" means Title XVIII of the Social Security

301 Act, 42 U.S.C. ss. 1395 et seq., and the programs thereunder.

302 (19) "Out-of-state health care service" means a health
303 care service provided in person to a member while the member is
304 physically located out of this state and:

305 (a) It is medically necessary that the health care service
306 be provided while the member physically is out of this state; or

307 (b) It is clinically appropriate and necessary, and cannot
308 be provided in this state because the health care service can be
309 provided only by a particular health care provider physically
310 located out of this state. However, any health care service
311 provided to a member by a health care provider qualified under
312 s. 638.635 that is located outside this state is not an out-of-
313 state health care service and is covered as otherwise provided
314 in this chapter.

315 (20) "Participating provider" means any individual or
316 entity that is a health care provider qualified under s. 638.635
317 that provides health care services to members under the program,
318 or a health care organization.

319 (21) "Prescription drugs" means prescription drugs as
320 defined under general law.

321 (22) "Resident" means an individual who has his or her
322 principal place of domicile in this state, without regard to the
323 individual's immigration status.

324 Section 6. Section 638.603, Florida Statutes, is created
325 to read:

326 638.603 Preemption.—This chapter does not preempt any
 327 municipality, county, or other political subdivision of the
 328 state from adopting additional health care coverage for
 329 residents in that municipality, county, or other political
 330 subdivision that provides more protections and benefits to
 331 Florida residents than this chapter.

332 Section 7. Section 638.604, Florida Statutes, is created
 333 to read:

334 638.604 Conflicts.—To the extent any provision of general
 335 law is inconsistent with this chapter or the legislative intent
 336 of the Healthy Florida Act, this chapter applies and prevails,
 337 except when explicitly provided otherwise by this chapter.

338 Section 8. Part II of chapter 638, Florida Statutes,
 339 consisting of ss. 638.61-638.617, Florida Statutes, is created
 340 and entitled "Governance."

341 Section 9. Section 638.61, Florida Statutes, is created to
 342 read:

343 638.61 The Healthy Florida Board.—

344 (1) The Healthy Florida Board is established and must be
 345 an independent public entity not affiliated with an agency or
 346 department. The board shall be governed by an executive board
 347 consisting of nine members who are residents. Of the members of
 348 the board, four shall be appointed by the Governor, two shall be
 349 appointed by the President of the Senate, and two shall be
 350 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The

351 commissioner or his or her designee shall serve as a voting ex
352 officio member of the board.

353 (2) Members of the board, other than the ex officio
354 member, shall be appointed for a term of 4 years. Appointments
355 by the Governor are subject to confirmation by the Senate. A
356 member of the board may continue to serve until the appointment
357 and qualification of his or her successor. Vacancies shall be
358 filled by appointment for the unexpired term. The board shall
359 annually elect a chair.

360 (3) (a) Each person appointed to the board must have
361 demonstrated and acknowledged expertise in health care.

362 (b) Appointing authorities must also consider the
363 expertise of the other members of the board and attempt to make
364 appointments so that the board's composition reflects a
365 diversity of expertise in the various aspects of health care.

366 (c) Appointments to the board by the Governor, the
367 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
368 Representatives must be composed of at least one representative
369 from each of the following:

- 370 1. A labor organization representing registered nurses.
- 371 2. The general public.
- 372 3. A labor organization.
- 373 4. The medical provider community.

374 (4) Each member of the board has the responsibility and
375 duty to meet the requirements of this chapter, the Affordable

376 Care Act, and all applicable state and federal laws and
377 regulations, to serve the public interest of the individuals,
378 employers, and taxpayers seeking health care coverage through
379 the program, and to ensure the operational well-being and fiscal
380 solvency of the program.

381 (5) In making appointments to the board, the appointing
382 authorities must take into consideration the cultural, ethnic,
383 and geographical diversity of this state so that the board's
384 composition reflects the communities of this state.

385 (6) (a) A member of the board or of the staff of the board
386 may not be employed by, serve as a consultant to, be a member of
387 the board of directors of, be affiliated with, or be otherwise a
388 representative of, a health care provider, a health care
389 facility, or a health clinic while serving on the board or on
390 the staff of the board. A member of the board or of the staff of
391 the board may not be a member, a board member, or an employee of
392 a trade association of health facilities, health clinics, or
393 health care providers while serving on the board or on the staff
394 of the board. A member of the board or of the staff of the board
395 may not be a health care provider unless he or she receives no
396 compensation for rendering services as a health care provider
397 and does not have an ownership interest in a health care
398 practice.

399 (b) A board member must serve without additional
400 compensation or honorarium, but may receive per diem and

401 reimbursement for travel expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

402 (c) For purposes of this subsection, "health care
403 provider" means a means a physician licensed under chapter 458,
404 chapter 459, or chapter 461.

405 (7) A member of the board may not make or participate in
406 making a decision, or attempt to use his or her official
407 position to influence the making of a decision, that he or she
408 knows, or has reason to know, will have a reasonably foreseeable
409 material financial effect, distinguishable from its effect on
410 the public generally, on him or her or a member of his or her
411 immediate family, or on either of the following:

412 (a) Any source of income, other than gifts and other than
413 loans by a commercial lending institution in the regular course
414 of business on terms available to the public without regard to
415 official status, aggregating \$250 or more in value provided to,
416 received by, or promised to the member within 12 months before
417 the decision is made.

418 (b) Any business entity in which the member is a director,
419 officer, partner, trustee, or employee or holds any position of
420 management.

421 (8) There is no liability in a private capacity on the
422 part of the board or a member of the board, or an officer or
423 employee of the board, related to an act performed or obligation
424 entered into in an official capacity, when done in good faith,
425 without intent to defraud, and in connection with the

426 administration, management, or conduct under this chapter or
 427 affairs related to this chapter.

428 (9) The board must hire an executive director to organize,
 429 administer, and manage the operations of the board. The
 430 executive director serves at the pleasure of the board without
 431 civil service protection.

432 (10) The board may adopt rules to implement and administer
 433 this chapter.

434 Section 10. Section 638.611, Florida Statutes, is created
 435 to read:

436 638.611 Powers and duties of the board.—

437 (1) The board has all powers and duties necessary to
 438 establish and implement Healthy Florida. The program must
 439 provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care
 440 coverage and a health care cost control system for the benefit
 441 of all residents.

442 (2) The board must, to the maximum extent possible,
 443 organize, administer, and market the program and services as a
 444 single-payer program under the name "Healthy Florida," or any
 445 other name as the board determines, regardless of which general
 446 law or source the definition of a benefit is found, including,
 447 on a voluntary basis, retiree health benefits. In implementing
 448 this chapter, the board must avoid jeopardizing federal
 449 financial participation in the programs that are incorporated
 450 into Healthy Florida and must take care to promote public

451 understanding and awareness of available benefits and programs.

452 (3) The board must consider any matter to implement this
453 chapter, and may have no executive, administrative, or
454 appointive duties except as otherwise provided by general law.

455 (4) The board must employ necessary staff and authorize
456 reasonable expenditures, as necessary, from the Healthy Florida
457 Trust Fund to pay program expenses and to administer the
458 program.

459 (5) The board may:

460 (a) Negotiate and enter into any necessary contracts,
461 including, but not limited to, contracts with health care
462 providers, integrated health care delivery systems, and care
463 coordinators.

464 (b) Sue and be sued.

465 (c) Receive and accept gifts, grants, or donations of
466 moneys from any agency of the Federal Government, any agency of
467 this state, and any municipality, county, or other political
468 subdivision of this state.

469 (d) Receive and accept gifts, grants, or donations from
470 individuals, associations, private foundations, and
471 corporations, in compliance with the conflict-of-interest
472 provisions adopted by the board by rule.

473 (e) Share information with relevant state departments,
474 consistent with the confidentiality provisions in this chapter,
475 necessary for the administration of the program.

476 (6) The board must determine when individuals may begin
477 enrolling in the program. The implementation period begins on
478 the date that individuals may begin enrolling in the program and
479 ends on a date determined by the board.

480 (7) A carrier may not offer benefits or cover any services
481 for which coverage is offered to individuals under the program,
482 but may, if otherwise authorized, offer benefits to cover health
483 care services that are not offered to individuals under the
484 program. However, this chapter does not prohibit a carrier from
485 offering either of the following:

486 (a) Any benefits to or for individuals, including their
487 families, who are employed or self-employed in this state but
488 who are not residents.

489 (b) Any benefits during the implementation period to
490 individuals who enrolled or may enroll as members of the
491 program.

492 (8) After the end of the implementation period, a person
493 may not be a board member unless he or she is a member of the
494 program, except the ex officio member.

495 (9) By July 1, 2021, the board must develop the following:

496 (a) A proposal, consistent with the principles of this
497 chapter, for provision by the program of long-term care
498 coverage, including the development of a proposal, consistent
499 with the principles of this chapter, for its funding. In
500 developing the proposal, the board must consult with an advisory

501 committee, appointed by the chair of the board, including
502 representatives of consumers and potential consumers of long-
503 term care, providers of long-term care, members of organized
504 labor, and other interested parties.

505 (b) Proposals for all of the following:

506 1. Accommodating employer retiree health benefits for
507 people who have been members of Healthy Florida but live as
508 retirees out of this state.

509 2. Accommodating employer retiree health benefits for
510 people who earned or accrued those benefits while residing in
511 this state before the implementation of Healthy Florida and live
512 as retirees out of this state.

513 (c) A proposal for Healthy Florida coverage of health care
514 services currently covered under the workers' compensation
515 system, including whether and how to continue funding for those
516 services under that system and whether and how to incorporate an
517 element of experience rating.

518 Section 11. Section 638.612, Florida Statutes, is created
519 to read:

520 638.612 Public advisory committee.—

521 (1) The commissioner must establish a public advisory
522 committee to advise the board on all matters of policy for the
523 program.

524 (2) The members of the committee must include all of the
525 following:

526 (a) Four physicians, all of whom must be board certified
527 in their fields, and at least one of whom must be a
528 psychiatrist. The President of the Senate and the Governor shall
529 each appoint one member. The Speaker of the House of
530 Representatives shall appoint two members, both of whom must be
531 primary care providers.

532 (b) Two registered nurses, appointed by the President of
533 the Senate.

534 (c) One licensed allied health practitioner, appointed by
535 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

536 (d) One mental health care provider, appointed by the
537 President of the Senate.

538 (e) One dentist, appointed by the Governor.

539 (f) One representative of private hospitals, appointed by
540 the Governor.

541 (g) One representative of public hospitals, appointed by
542 the Governor.

543 (h) One representative of an integrated health care
544 delivery system, appointed by the Governor.

545 (i) Four consumers of health care. The Governor shall
546 appoint two members, one of whom must be a member of the
547 disabled community. The President of the Senate shall appoint
548 one member who is 65 years of age or older. The Speaker of the
549 House of Representatives shall appoint one member.

550 (j) One representative of labor organizations, appointed

551 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

552 (k) One representative of essential community providers,
553 appointed by the President of the Senate.

554 (l) One representative of labor organizations, appointed
555 by the President of the Senate.

556 (m) One representative of businesses that each employ
557 fewer than 25 people, appointed by the Governor.

558 (n) One representative of businesses that each employ more
559 than 250 people, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
560 Representatives.

561 (o) One pharmacist, appointed by the Speaker of the House
562 of Representatives.

563 (3) In making appointments pursuant to this section, the
564 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
565 House of Representatives shall make good faith efforts to ensure
566 that their appointments, as a whole, reflect, to the greatest
567 extent feasible, the social and geographic diversity of this
568 state.

569 (4) Each member appointed shall serve a 4-year term and
570 may be reappointed for succeeding 4-year terms.

571 (5) Vacancies that occur must be filled within 30 days
572 after the occurrence of the vacancy, and must be filled in the
573 same manner in which the vacating member was initially selected
574 or appointed. The commissioner must notify the appropriate
575 appointing authority of any expected vacancies on the committee.

576 (6) Members of the committee must serve without
577 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as
578 provided in s. 112.061 for each full day of attending meetings
579 of the committee. For purposes of this section, "full day of
580 attending meetings" means being present at and participating in
581 at least 75 percent of the total meeting time of the committee
582 during any 24-hour period.

583 (7) The committee must meet at least six times annually in
584 a place convenient to the public. All meetings of the committee
585 are open to the public, pursuant to s. 286.011.

586 (8) The committee must elect a chair, who must serve for 2
587 years and who may be reelected for an additional 2 years.

588 (9) Appointed committee members must have worked in the
589 field they represent on the committee for a period of at least 2
590 years before being appointed to the committee.

591 (10) A committee member or his or her assistant, clerk, or
592 deputy may not use for personal benefit any information that is
593 filed with, or obtained by, the committee and that is not
594 generally available to the public.

595 Section 12. Section 638.613, Florida Statutes, is created
596 to read:

597 638.613 Board's authority to contract.—The board may
598 contract with not-for-profit organizations to provide any of the
599 following:

600 (1) Assistance to consumers with respect to selection of a

601 care coordinator or health care organization, enrollment,
602 obtaining health care services, disenrollment, and other matters
603 relating to the program.

604 (2) Assistance to health care providers providing,
605 seeking, or considering whether to provide health care services
606 under the program, with respect to participating in a health
607 care organization and interacting with a health care
608 organization.

609 Section 13. Section 638.614, Florida Statutes, is created
610 to read:

611 638.614 Funding for health planning agencies.—The board
612 must provide grants from funds in the Healthy Florida Trust Fund
613 or from funds otherwise appropriated for this purpose to health
614 planning agencies to support the operation of those agencies.

615 Section 14. Section 638.615, Florida Statutes, is created
616 to read:

617 638.615 Funding for job transition.—The board must provide
618 funds from the Healthy Florida Trust Fund or funds otherwise
619 appropriated for this purpose to the executive director of the
620 Department of Economic Opportunity for a program for retraining
621 and assisting job transition for individuals employed or
622 previously employed in the fields of health insurance, health
623 care service plans, and other third-party payments for health
624 care, or those individuals providing services to health care
625 providers to deal with third-party payers for health care, whose

626 jobs may be or have been ended as a result of the implementation
627 of the program, consistent with otherwise applicable general
628 law.

629 Section 15. Section 638.616, Florida Statutes, is created
630 to read:

631 638.616 Collection of data.—

632 (1) The board must provide for the collection and
633 availability of all of the following data to promote
634 transparency, assess adherence to patient care standards,
635 compare patient outcomes, and review the use of health care
636 services paid for by the program:

637 (a) Inpatient discharge data, including acuity and risk of
638 mortality.

639 (b) Emergency department and ambulatory surgery data,
640 including charge data, length of stay, and patients' unit of
641 observation.

642 (c) Hospital annual financial data, including all of the
643 following:

644 1. Community benefits by hospital in dollar value.

645 2. Number of employees and classification by hospital
646 unit.

647 3. Number of hours worked by hospital unit.

648 4. Employee wage information by job title and hospital
649 unit.

650 5. Number of registered nurses per staffed bed by hospital

651 unit.

652 6. Type and value of healthy information technology.

653 7. Annual spending on health information technology,
654 including purchases, upgrades, and maintenance.

655 (2) The board must make all disclosed data collected under
656 subsection (1) publicly available and searchable through a
657 website and through the Department of Health public data sets.

658 (3) The board must, directly and through grants to not-
659 for-profit entities, conduct programs using data collected
660 through the Healthy Florida Program to promote and protect
661 public, environmental, and occupational health, including
662 cooperation with other data collection and research programs of
663 the Department of Health and the Office of Insurance Regulation,
664 consistent with this chapter and otherwise applicable general
665 law.

666 (4) Before full implementation of the program, the board
667 must provide for the collection and availability of data on the
668 number of patients served by hospitals and the dollar value of
669 the care provided, at cost, for all of the following categories
670 of Department of Health data items:

671 (a) Patients receiving charity care.

672 (b) Contractual adjustments of county and indigent
673 programs, including traditional and managed care.

674 (c) Bad debts.

675 Section 16. Section 638.6161, Florida Statutes, is created

676 to read:

677 638.6161 Investigations and enforcement.—Notwithstanding
678 any other law, law enforcement agencies may not use Healthy
679 Florida moneys, facilities, property, equipment, or personnel to
680 investigate, enforce, or assist in the investigation or
681 enforcement of any criminal, civil, or administrative violation
682 or warrant for a violation of any requirement that individuals
683 register with the Federal Government or any federal agency based
684 on religion, national origin, ethnicity, or immigration status.

685 Section 17. Part III of chapter 638, Florida Statutes,
686 consisting of s. 638.62, Florida Statutes, is created and
687 entitled "Eligibility and Enrollment."

688 Section 18. Section 638.62, Florida Statutes, is created
689 to read:

690 638.62 Eligibility and enrollment.—

691 (1) Every resident may enroll as a member under the
692 program.

693 (2) (a) A member may not be required to pay any fee,
694 payment, or other charge for enrolling in or being a member of
695 the program.

696 (b) A member may not be required to pay any premium,
697 copayment, coinsurance, deductible, and any other form of cost
698 sharing for all covered benefits.

699 (3) A college, university, or other institution of higher
700 education in this state may purchase coverage under the program

701 for a student, or a student's dependent, who is not a resident.

702 Section 19. Part IV of chapter 638, Florida Statutes,
703 consisting of s. 638.63, Florida Statutes, is created and
704 entitled "Benefits."

705 Section 20. Section 638.63, Florida Statutes, is created
706 to read:

707 638.63 Covered health care benefits.—

708 (1) Covered health care benefits under the program include
709 all medical care determined to be medically appropriate by the
710 member's health care provider.

711 (2) Covered health care benefits for members include, but
712 are not limited to, all of the following:

713 (a) Licensed inpatient and licensed outpatient medical and
714 health facility services.

715 (b) Inpatient and outpatient professional health care
716 provider medical services.

717 (c) Diagnostic imaging, laboratory services, and other
718 diagnostic and evaluative services.

719 (d) Medical equipment, appliances, and assistive
720 technology, including prosthetics, eyeglasses, and hearing aids
721 and the repair, technical support, and customization needed for
722 individual use.

723 (e) Inpatient and outpatient rehabilitative care.

724 (f) Emergency care services.

725 (g) Emergency transportation.

- 726 (h) Necessary transportation for health care services for
- 727 persons who have a disability or who may qualify as low income.
- 728 (i) Child and adult immunizations and preventive care.
- 729 (j) Health and wellness education.
- 730 (k) Hospice care.
- 731 (l) Care in a skilled nursing facility.
- 732 (m) Home health care, including health care provided in an
- 733 assisted living facility.
- 734 (n) Mental health services.
- 735 (o) Substance abuse treatment.
- 736 (p) Dental care.
- 737 (q) Vision care.
- 738 (r) Prescription drugs.
- 739 (s) Pediatric care.
- 740 (t) Prenatal and postnatal care.
- 741 (u) Podiatric care.
- 742 (v) Chiropractic care.
- 743 (w) Acupuncture.
- 744 (x) Therapies that are shown by the National Institutes of
- 745 Health National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health
- 746 to be safe and effective.
- 747 (y) Blood and blood products.
- 748 (z) Dialysis.
- 749 (aa) Adult day care.
- 750 (bb) Rehabilitative and habilitative services.

751 (cc) Ancillary health care or social services previously
 752 covered by county integrated health and human services programs,
 753 if any.

754 (dd) Ancillary health care or social services previously
 755 covered by a regional center for persons with developmental
 756 disabilities, if any.

757 (ee) Case management and care coordination.

758 (ff) Language interpretation and translation for health
 759 care services, including sign language and braille or other
 760 services needed for individuals with communication barriers.

761 (gg) Health care and long-term supportive services
 762 currently covered under Medicaid.

763 (hh) All health care services required to be covered under
 764 any of the following provisions, without regard to whether the
 765 member is eligible for or covered by the program or source
 766 referred to:

767 1. Medicaid.

768 2. Medicare.

769 3. Health care service plans pursuant to general law.

770 4. Health insurers, as defined under general law.

771 5. Any additional health care services authorized to be
 772 added to the program's benefits by the program.

773 6. All essential health benefits mandated by the
 774 Affordable Care Act as of January 1, 2017.

775 Section 21. Part V of chapter 638, Florida Statutes,

776 consisting of ss. 638.635-638.64, Florida Statutes, is created
777 and entitled "Delivery of Care."

778 Section 22. Section 638.635, Florida Statutes, is created
779 to read:

780 638.635 Health care providers.—

781 (1) (a) Any health care provider who is licensed to
782 practice in this state and is otherwise in good standing may
783 participate in the program if the health care provider's
784 services are performed in this state.

785 (b) The board must establish and maintain procedures and
786 standards for recognizing health care providers located out of
787 this state for purposes of providing coverage under the program
788 for members who require out-of-state health care services while
789 the member is temporarily located out of this state.

790 (2) Any qualified health care provider may provide covered
791 health care services under the program, as long as the health
792 care provider is legally authorized to perform the health care
793 service for the individual and under the circumstances involved.

794 (3) A member may choose to receive health care services
795 under the program from any participating provider, consistent
796 with this chapter, the willingness or availability of the
797 provider, subject to this chapter relating to discrimination,
798 and the appropriate clinically relevant circumstances.

799 (4) A person who chooses to enroll with an integrated
800 health care delivery system, group medical practice, or

801 essential community provider that offers comprehensive services,
802 must retain membership for at least 1 year after an initial 3-
803 month evaluation period during which time the person may
804 withdraw for any reason.

805 (a) The 3-month period must commence on the date when a
806 member first sees a primary care provider.

807 (b) A person who wants to withdraw after the initial 3-
808 month period must request a withdrawal pursuant to the dispute
809 resolution procedures established by the board and may request
810 assistance from the patient advocate, which is provided for in
811 the dispute resolution procedures, in resolving the dispute. The
812 dispute shall be resolved in a timely manner and may not have an
813 adverse effect on the care a patient receives.

814 Section 23. Section 638.637, Florida Statutes, is created
815 to read:

816 638.637 Care coordination.—

817 (1) Care coordination must be provided to the member by
818 his or her care coordinator. A care coordinator may employ or
819 use the services of other individuals or entities to assist in
820 providing care coordination for the member, consistent with
821 rules of the board and with general law and rules of the care
822 coordinator's licensure.

823 (2) Care coordination includes administrative tracking and
824 medical recordkeeping services for members, except as otherwise
825 specified for integrated health care delivery systems.

826 (3) Care coordination administrative tracking and medical
827 recordkeeping services for members may not be required to use a
828 certified electronic health record, meet any other requirements
829 of the federal Health Information Technology for Economic and
830 Clinical Health Act, enacted under the federal American Recovery
831 and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111-5, or meet
832 certification requirements of the federal Centers for Medicare
833 and Medicaid Services' Electronic Health Records Incentive
834 Programs, including meaningful use requirements.

835 (4) The care coordinator must comply with all federal and
836 state privacy laws, including, but not limited to, the federal
837 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), 42
838 U.S.C. ss. 1320d et seq., and its implementing regulations.

839 (5) Referrals from a care coordinator are not required for
840 a member to see any eligible provider.

841 (6) A care coordinator may be an individual or entity that
842 is approved by the program that is any of the following:

843 (a) A health care practitioner that is any of the
844 following:

845 1. The member's primary care provider.

846 2. The member's provider of primary gynecological care.

847 3. At the option of a member who has a chronic condition
848 that requires specialty care, a specialist health care
849 practitioner who regularly and continually provides treatment to
850 the member for that condition.

- 851 (b) An entity that is a licensed:
- 852 1. Health facility.
- 853 2. Health care service plan.
- 854 3. Long-term health care facility or a program developed
855 pursuant to s. 638.611(9) (a), or a long-term health care
856 facility with respect to a member who receives mental health
857 care services.
- 858 4. County medical facility.
- 859 5. Residential care facility for persons with chronic,
860 life-threatening illness.
- 861 6. Alzheimer's day care resource center.
- 862 7. Residential care facility for the elderly.
- 863 8. Home health agency.
- 864 9. Private duty nursing agency.
- 865 10. Hospice.
- 866 11. Pediatric day health and respite care facility.
- 867 12. Home care service.
- 868 13. Mental health care provider.
- 869 (c) A health care organization.
- 870 (d) An authorized health and welfare fund, with respect to
871 its members and their family members. This paragraph does not
872 preclude an authorized health and welfare fund from becoming a
873 care coordinator under paragraph (e) or a health care
874 organization under s. 638.64.
- 875 (e) Any not-for-profit or governmental entity approved by

876 the program.

877 (7) (a) A health care provider may be reimbursed only for
878 services if the member is enrolled with a care coordinator when
879 the health care service is provided.

880 (b) Each member must be encouraged to enroll with a care
881 coordinator that agrees to provide care coordination before
882 receiving health care services paid for under the program. If a
883 member receives health care services before choosing a care
884 coordinator, the program must assist the member, when
885 appropriate, with choosing a care coordinator.

886 (c) The member must remain enrolled with that care
887 coordinator until the member becomes enrolled with a different
888 care coordinator or ceases to be a member. Members have the
889 right to change their care coordinators on terms at least as
890 permissive as Medicaid relating to an individual changing his or
891 her primary care provider or managed care provider.

892 (8) A health care organization may establish rules
893 relating to care coordination for members in the health care
894 organization that are different from this section but otherwise
895 consistent with this chapter and other applicable general laws.

896 (9) An individual or entity may not be a care coordinator
897 unless the services included in care coordination are within the
898 individual's professional scope of practice or the entity's
899 legal authority.

900 (10) (a) The board must develop and implement procedures

901 and standards, by rule, for an individual or entity to be
902 approved as a care coordinator in the program, including, but
903 not limited to, procedures and standards relating to the
904 revocation, suspension, limitation, or annulment of approval on
905 a determination that the individual or entity:

- 906 1. Is incompetent to be a care coordinator;
- 907 2. Has exhibited a course of conduct that is inconsistent
908 with program standards and rules, or that shows an unwillingness
909 to meet those standards and rules; or
- 910 3. Is a potential threat to the public health or safety.

911 (b) The procedures and standards adopted by the board must
912 be consistent with professional practice and licensure
913 standards, and their implementing rules as applicable.

914 (c) In developing and implementing standards of approval
915 of care coordinators for individuals receiving chronic mental
916 health care services, the board must consult with the Department
917 of Health.

918 (11) To maintain approval under the program, a care
919 coordinator must do the following:

- 920 (a) Renew its status every 3 years pursuant to rules
921 adopted by the board.
- 922 (b) Provide to the program any data required by the
923 Department of Health pursuant to general law that enables the
924 board to evaluate the impact of care coordinators on quality,
925 outcomes, and cost of health care.

926 (12) This section does not authorize any individual to
927 engage in any violation of general law.

928 Section 24. Section 638.639, Florida Statutes, is created
929 to read:

930 638.639 Payment for health care services and care
931 coordination.—

932 (1) The board must adopt rules regarding contracting for,
933 and establishing payment methodologies for, covered health care
934 services and care coordination provided to members under the
935 program by participating providers, care coordinators, and
936 health care organizations. Different payment methodologies may
937 be provided, including those established on a demonstration
938 basis. All payment rates under the program must be reasonable
939 and reasonably related to the cost of efficiently providing the
940 health care service and ensuring an adequate and accessible
941 supply of health care services.

942 (2) Health care services provided to members under the
943 program, except for care coordination, must be paid for on a
944 fee-for-service basis unless another payment methodology is
945 established by the board.

946 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), integrated health care
947 delivery systems, essential community providers, and group
948 medical practices that provide comprehensive and coordinated
949 services may choose to be reimbursed on the basis of a
950 capitated-system operating budget or a noncapitated-system

951 operating budget that covers all costs of providing health care
952 services.

953 (4) The program must engage in good faith negotiations
954 with health care providers' representatives under part VIII of
955 this chapter, including, but not limited to, in relation to
956 rates of payment for health care services, rates of payment for
957 prescription and nonprescription drugs, and payment
958 methodologies. Those negotiations must be through a single
959 entity on behalf of the entire program for prescription and
960 nonprescription drugs.

961 (5) (a) Payment for health care services established under
962 this chapter are considered payment in full.

963 (b) A participating provider may not charge any rate in
964 excess of the payment established under this chapter for any
965 health care service provided to a member under the program and
966 may not solicit or accept payment from any member or third party
967 for any health care service, except as provided under a federal
968 program.

969 (c) This section does not preclude the program from acting
970 as a primary or secondary payer in conjunction with another
971 third-party payer when permitted by a federal program.

972 (6) The program may adopt, by rule, payment methodologies
973 for the payment of capital-related expenses for specifically
974 identified capital expenditures incurred by not-for-profit or
975 governmental entities that are health facilities. Any capital-

976 related expense generated by a capital expenditure that requires
 977 prior approval must have received that approval in order to be
 978 paid by the program. That approval must be based on achievement
 979 of the program standards described in part VI of this chapter.

980 (7) Payment methodologies and payment rates must include a
 981 distinct component of reimbursement for direct and indirect
 982 graduate medical education.

983 (8) The board must adopt, by rule, payment methodologies
 984 and procedures for paying for health care services provided to a
 985 member while the member is located out of this state.

986 Section 25. Section 638.64, Florida Statutes, is created
 987 to read:

988 638.64 Health care organizations.—

989 (1) A member may enroll with and receive program care
 990 coordination and ancillary health care services from a health
 991 care organization.

992 (2) A health care organization must be a not-for-profit or
 993 governmental entity that is approved by the board and that is
 994 either of the following:

995 (a) A county integrated health and human services program.

996 (b) A regional center for persons with developmental
 997 disabilities.

998 (3) (a) The board must develop and implement procedures and
 999 standards, by rule, for an entity to be approved as a health
 1000 care organization in the program, including, but not limited to,

1001 procedures and standards relating to the revocation, suspension,
1002 limitation, or annulment of approval on a determination that the
1003 entity:

1004 1. Is incompetent to be a health care organization;

1005 2. Has exhibited a course of conduct that is inconsistent
1006 with program standards and rules, or that shows an unwillingness
1007 to meet those standards and rules; or

1008 3. Is a potential threat to the public health or safety.

1009 (b) The procedures and standards adopted by the board must
1010 be consistent with professional practice and licensure standards
1011 established pursuant to general law.

1012 (c) In developing and implementing standards of approval
1013 of health care organizations, the board must consult with the
1014 Department of Health.

1015 (4) To maintain approval under the program, a health care
1016 organization must do the following:

1017 (a) Renew its status at a frequency determined by the
1018 board.

1019 (b) Provide data to the Office of Insurance Regulation, as
1020 required by the board, to enable the board to evaluate the
1021 health care organization in relation to the quality of health
1022 care services, health care outcomes, and cost.

1023 (5) The board may adopt narrowly focused rules relating
1024 solely to health care organizations for the sole and specific
1025 purpose of ensuring consistent compliance with this chapter.

1026 (6) This chapter does not alter the professional practice
1027 of health care providers or their licensure standards
1028 established pursuant to general law.

1029 (7) Health care organizations may not use health
1030 information technology or clinical practice guidelines that
1031 limit the effective exercise of the professional judgment of
1032 physicians and registered nurses. Physicians and registered
1033 nurses may override health information technology and clinical
1034 practice guidelines if, in their professional judgment, it is in
1035 the best interest of the patient and consistent with the
1036 patient's wishes.

1037 Section 26. Part VI of chapter 638, Florida Statutes,
1038 consisting of s. 638.645, Florida Statutes, is created and
1039 entitled "Program Standards."

1040 Section 27. Section 638.645, Florida Statutes, is created
1041 to read:

1042 638.645 Program standards.—Healthy Florida must establish
1043 a single standard of safe therapeutic care for all residents by
1044 the following means:

1045 (1) The board must establish requirements and standards,
1046 by rule, for the program and for health care organizations, care
1047 coordinators, and health care providers, consistent with this
1048 chapter and consistent with the applicable professional practice
1049 and licensure standards of health care providers and health care
1050 professionals established pursuant to general law:

1051 (a) The scope, quality, and accessibility of health care
1052 services.

1053 (b) Relations between health care organizations or health
1054 care providers and members.

1055 (c) Relations between health care organizations and health
1056 care providers, including credentialing and participation in the
1057 health care organization, and terms, methods, and rates of
1058 payment.

1059 (2) The board must establish requirements and standards,
1060 by rule, under the program that include, but are not limited to,
1061 provisions to promote the following:

1062 (a) Simplification, transparency, uniformity, and fairness
1063 in health care provider credentialing and participation in
1064 health care organization networks, referrals, payment procedures
1065 and rates, claims processing, and approval of health care
1066 services, as applicable.

1067 (b) In-person primary and preventive care, care
1068 coordination, efficient and effective health care services,
1069 quality assurance, and promotion of public, environmental, and
1070 occupational health.

1071 (c) Elimination of health care disparities.

1072 (d) Nondiscrimination with respect to members and health
1073 care providers on the basis of race, color, ancestry, national
1074 origin, religion, citizenship, immigration status, primary
1075 language, mental or physical disability, age, sex, gender,

1076 sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, medical
1077 condition, genetic information, marital status, familial status,
1078 military or veteran status, or source of income; however, health
1079 care services provided under the program must be appropriate to
1080 the patient's clinically relevant circumstances.

1081 (e) Accessibility of care coordination, health care
1082 organization services, and health care services, including
1083 accessibility for people with disabilities and people with
1084 limited ability to speak or understand English.

1085 (f) Providing care coordination, health care organization
1086 services, and health care services in a culturally competent
1087 manner.

1088 (3) The board must establish requirements and standards,
1089 to the extent authorized by federal law, by rule, for replacing
1090 and merging with the Healthy Florida Program health care
1091 services and ancillary services currently provided by other
1092 programs, including, but not limited to, Medicare, the
1093 Affordable Care Act, and federally matched public health
1094 programs.

1095 (4) Any participating provider or care coordinator that is
1096 organized as a for-profit entity must meet the same requirements
1097 and standards as entities organized as not-for-profit entities,
1098 and payments under the program made to those entities may not be
1099 calculated to accommodate the generation of profit, revenue for
1100 dividends, or other return on investment or the payment of taxes

1101 that would not be paid by a not-for-profit entity.

1102 (5) Every participating provider must furnish information
1103 as required by the Department of Health pursuant to general law
1104 and permit examination of that information by the program as may
1105 be reasonably required for purposes of reviewing the
1106 accessibility and use of health care services, quality
1107 assurance, cost containment, making of payments, and statistical
1108 or other studies of the operation of the program or for
1109 protection and promotion of public, environmental, and
1110 occupational health.

1111 (6) In developing requirements and standards and making
1112 other policy determinations under this part, the board must
1113 consult with representatives of members, health care providers,
1114 care coordinators, health care organizations, labor
1115 organizations representing health care employees, and other
1116 interested parties.

1117 Section 28. Part VII of chapter 638, Florida Statutes,
1118 consisting of ss. 638.65-638.657, Florida Statutes, is created
1119 and entitled "Funding."

1120 Section 29. Section 638.65, Florida Statutes, is created
1121 to read:

1122 638.65 Federal health programs and funding.—

1123 (1) The board must seek all federal waivers and other
1124 federal approvals and arrangements and submit plan amendments as
1125 necessary to operate the program consistent with this chapter.

1126 (2) (a) The board must apply to the United States Secretary
1127 of Health and Human Services or other appropriate federal
1128 official for all waivers of requirements, and make other
1129 arrangements, under Medicare, any federally matched public
1130 health program, the Affordable Care Act, and any other federal
1131 programs that provide federal funds, for payment for health care
1132 services that are necessary to enable all Healthy Florida
1133 members to receive all benefits under the program, to enable
1134 this state to implement this chapter, and to allow this state to
1135 receive and deposit all federal payments under those programs,
1136 including funds that may be provided in lieu of premium tax
1137 credits, cost-sharing subsidies, and small business tax credits,
1138 into the State Treasury to the credit of the Healthy Florida
1139 Trust Fund, created pursuant to s. 638.655, and to use those
1140 funds for the program and other provisions under this chapter.

1141 (b) To the fullest extent possible, the board must
1142 negotiate arrangements with the Federal Government to make sure
1143 that federal payments are paid to Healthy Florida in place of
1144 federal funding of, or tax benefits for, federally matched
1145 public health programs or federal health programs.

1146 (c) The board may require members or applicants to provide
1147 information necessary for the program to comply with any waiver
1148 or arrangement under this chapter. Information provided by
1149 members to the board for the purposes of this subsection may not
1150 be used for any other purpose.

1151 (d) The board may take any additional actions necessary to
1152 effectively implement Healthy Florida to the maximum extent
1153 possible as a single-payer program consistent with this chapter.

1154 (3) The board may take actions consistent with this
1155 section to enable the program to administer Medicare in this
1156 state, and the program must be a provider of supplemental
1157 insurance coverage, Medicare Part B, and must provide premium
1158 assistance drug coverage under Medicare Part D for eligible
1159 members of the program.

1160 (4) The board may waive or modify the applicability of
1161 this section relating to any federally matched public health
1162 program or Medicare to implement any waiver or arrangement under
1163 this section or to maximize the federal benefits to the program
1164 under this section, if the board, in consultation with the
1165 Department of Financial Services, determines that the waiver or
1166 modification is in the best interest of this state and members
1167 affected by the action.

1168 (5) The board may apply for coverage for, and enroll, any
1169 eligible member under any federally matched public health
1170 program or Medicare. Enrollment in a federally matched public
1171 health program or Medicare may not cause any member to lose any
1172 health care service provided by the program or diminish any
1173 right of the member.

1174 (6) (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the board, by rule,
1175 must increase the income eligibility level, increase or

1176 eliminate the resource test for eligibility, simplify any
1177 procedural or documentation requirement for enrollment, and
1178 increase the benefits for any federally matched public health
1179 program, and for any program in order to reduce or eliminate an
1180 individual's coinsurance, cost-sharing, or premium obligations
1181 or increase an individual's eligibility for any federal
1182 financial support related to Medicare or the Affordable Care
1183 Act.

1184 (b) The board may act under this subsection, upon a
1185 finding approved by the Department of Financial Services and the
1186 board that the action does the following:

1187 1. Will help to increase the number of members who are
1188 eligible for and enrolled in federally matched public health
1189 programs or for any program to reduce or eliminate an
1190 individual's coinsurance, cost-sharing, or premium obligations
1191 or increase an individual's eligibility for any federal
1192 financial support related to Medicare or the Affordable Care
1193 Act.

1194 2. Will not diminish an individual's access to any health
1195 care service or right of the individual.

1196 3. Is in the interest of the program.

1197 4. Does not require or has received any necessary federal
1198 waivers or approvals to ensure federal financial participation.

1199 (c) Actions under this subsection do not apply to
1200 eligibility for payment for long-term care.

1201 (7) To enable the board to apply for coverage for, and
1202 enroll, any eligible member under any federally matched public
1203 health program or Medicare, the board may require that each
1204 member or applicant provide the information necessary to enable
1205 the board to determine whether the applicant is eligible for a
1206 federally matched public health program or for Medicare, or any
1207 program or benefit under Medicare.

1208 (8) As a condition of continued eligibility for health
1209 care services under the program, a member who is eligible for
1210 benefits under Medicare must enroll in Medicare, including Parts
1211 A, B, and D.

1212 (9) The program must provide premium assistance for all
1213 members enrolling in a Medicare Part D drug coverage plan under
1214 Section 1860D of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42
1215 U.S.C. ss. 1395w-101 et seq., limited to the low-income
1216 benchmark premium amount established by the federal Centers for
1217 Medicare and Medicaid Services and any other amount the federal
1218 agency establishes under its de minimis premium policy, except
1219 that those payments made on behalf of members enrolled in a
1220 Medicare advantage plan may exceed the low-income benchmark
1221 premium amount if determined to be cost effective to the
1222 program.

1223 (10) If the board has reasonable grounds to believe that a
1224 member may be eligible for an income-related subsidy under
1225 Section 1860D-14 of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42

1226 U.S.C. s. 1395w-114, the member must provide, and authorize the
 1227 program to obtain, any information or documentation required to
 1228 establish the member's eligibility for that subsidy. However,
 1229 the board must attempt to obtain as much of the information and
 1230 documentation as possible from records that are available to it.

1231 (11) The program must make a reasonable effort to notify
 1232 members of their obligations under this section. After a
 1233 reasonable effort has been made to contact the member, the
 1234 member must be notified in writing that he or she has 60 days to
 1235 provide the required information. If the required information is
 1236 not provided within the 60-day period, the member's coverage
 1237 under the program may be terminated. Information provided by
 1238 members to the board for the purposes of this section may not be
 1239 used for any other purpose.

1240 (12) The board must assume responsibility for all benefits
 1241 and services paid for by the Federal Government with those
 1242 funds.

1243 Section 30. Section 638.657, Florida Statutes, is created
 1244 to read:

1245 638.657 Legislative intent.—

1246 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
 1247 legislation that develops a revenue plan, taking into
 1248 consideration anticipated federal revenue available for the
 1249 program. In developing the revenue plan, it is the intent of the
 1250 Legislature to consult with appropriate officials and

1251 stakeholders.

1252 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact
 1253 legislation that requires all state revenues from the program to
 1254 be deposited into an account within the Healthy Florida Trust
 1255 Fund to be established and known as the Healthy Florida Trust
 1256 Fund Account.

1257 Section 31. Part VIII of chapter 638, Florida Statutes,
 1258 consisting of ss. 638.66-638.668, Florida Statutes, is created
 1259 and entitled "Collective Bargaining."

1260 Section 32. Section 638.66, Florida Statutes, is created
 1261 to read:

1262 638.66 Definitions.—For purposes of this part, the term:

1263 (1) (a) "Health care provider" means a person who is
 1264 licensed, certified, registered, or authorized to practice a
 1265 health care profession and who is any of the following:

1266 1. An individual who practices that profession as a health
 1267 care provider or as an independent contractor.

1268 2. An owner, officer, shareholder, or proprietor of a
 1269 health care provider.

1270 3. An entity that employs or uses health care providers to
 1271 provide health care services, including, but not limited to, a
 1272 licensed health facility.

1273 (b) A health care provider who practices as an employee of
 1274 a health care provider is not a health care provider for
 1275 purposes of this part.

1276 (2) "Health care providers' representative" means a third
1277 party that is authorized by health care providers to negotiate
1278 on their behalf with Healthy Florida over terms and conditions
1279 affecting those health care providers.

1280 Section 33. Section 638.662, Florida Statutes, is created
1281 to read:

1282 638.662 Collective bargaining authorized.—

1283 (1) Health care providers may meet and communicate for the
1284 purpose of collectively negotiating with Healthy Florida on any
1285 matter relating to Healthy Florida, including, but not limited
1286 to, rates of payment for health care services, rates of payment
1287 for prescription and nonprescription drugs, and payment
1288 methodologies.

1289 (2) This part does not authorize an alteration of the
1290 terms of the internal and external review procedures set forth
1291 in general law.

1292 (3) This part does not authorize a strike of Healthy
1293 Florida by health care providers related to the collective
1294 bargaining negotiations.

1295 (4) This part does not authorize terms or conditions that
1296 impede the ability of Healthy Florida to obtain or retain
1297 accreditation by the National Committee for Quality Assurance or
1298 a similar body, or to comply with applicable state or federal
1299 law.

1300 Section 34. Section 638.664, Florida Statutes, is created

1301 to read:

1302 638.664 Collective bargaining requirements.—

1303 (1) Collective bargaining rights granted by this part must
1304 meet all of the following requirements:

1305 (a) Health care providers may communicate with other
1306 health care providers regarding the terms and conditions to be
1307 negotiated with Healthy Florida.

1308 (b) Health care providers may communicate with health care
1309 providers' representatives.

1310 (c) A health care providers' representative is the only
1311 party authorized to negotiate with Healthy Florida on behalf of
1312 the health care providers as a group.

1313 (d) A health care provider may be bound by the terms and
1314 conditions negotiated by the health care providers'
1315 representatives.

1316 (e) In communicating or negotiating with the health care
1317 providers' representative, Healthy Florida may offer and provide
1318 different terms and conditions to individual competing health
1319 care providers.

1320 (2) This part does not affect or limit the right of a
1321 health care provider or group of health care providers to
1322 collectively petition a governmental entity for a change in a
1323 general law, rule, or regulation.

1324 (3) This part does not affect or limit collective action
1325 or collective bargaining on the part of a health care provider

1326 | with his or her employer or any other lawful collective action
 1327 | or collective bargaining.

1328 | Section 35. Section 638.666, Florida Statutes, is created
 1329 | to read:

1330 | 638.666 Collective bargaining.—Before engaging in
 1331 | collective bargaining with Healthy Florida on behalf of health
 1332 | care providers, a health care providers' representative must
 1333 | file with the board, in the manner prescribed by the board,
 1334 | information identifying the representative, the representative's
 1335 | plan of operation, and the representative's procedures to ensure
 1336 | compliance with this part.

1337 | Section 36. Section 638.668, Florida Statutes, is created
 1338 | to read:

1339 | 638.668 Prohibited collective action.—

1340 | (1) This part does not authorize competing health care
 1341 | providers to act in concert in response to health care
 1342 | providers' representative's discussions or negotiations with
 1343 | Healthy Florida, except as authorized by other general law.

1344 | (2) A health care providers' representative may not
 1345 | negotiate any agreement that excludes, limits the participation
 1346 | or reimbursement of, or otherwise limits the scope of services
 1347 | provided by any health care provider or group of health care
 1348 | providers with respect to the performance of services that are
 1349 | within the health care provider's scope of practice, license,
 1350 | registration, or certificate.

1351 Section 37. The provisions of this act are severable. If
1352 any provision of this act or its application is held invalid,
1353 that invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications
1354 that can be given effect without the invalid provision or
1355 application.

1356 Section 38. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.