

26 ~~professionals~~ which has a constitution or bylaws specifically
27 stating its purpose and which has been organized and maintained
28 ~~in good faith for a continuous period of 1 year~~ for purposes in
29 addition to ~~other than that of~~ obtaining or providing insurance.

30 ~~2. Must not combine member employers from disparate~~
31 ~~trades, industries, or professions as defined by the appropriate~~
32 ~~licensing agencies, and must not combine member employers from~~
33 ~~more than one of the employer categories defined in sub-~~
34 ~~subparagraphs a.-c.~~

35 ~~a. A trade association consists of member employers who~~
36 ~~are in the same trade as recognized by the appropriate licensing~~
37 ~~agency.~~

38 ~~b. An industry association consists of member employers~~
39 ~~who are in the same major group code, as defined by the Standard~~
40 ~~Industrial Classification Manual issued by the federal Office of~~
41 ~~Management and Budget, unless restricted by sub-subparagraph a.~~
42 ~~or sub-subparagraph c.~~

43 ~~e. A professional association consists of member employers~~
44 ~~who are of the same profession as recognized by the appropriate~~
45 ~~licensing agency.~~

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47 The requirements of this paragraph ~~subparagraph~~ do not apply to
48 an arrangement licensed before ~~prior to~~ April 1, 1995,
49 regardless of the nature of its business. However, an
50 arrangement exempt from the requirements of this paragraph

51 ~~subparagraph~~ may not expand the nature of its business beyond
 52 that set forth in the articles of incorporation of its
 53 sponsoring association as of April 1, 1995, except as authorized
 54 in this paragraph ~~subparagraph~~.

55 Section 2. Subsection (3) of section 627.6045, Florida
 56 Statutes, is amended to read:

57 627.6045 Preexisting condition.—A health insurance policy
 58 must comply with the following:

59 (3) This section does not apply to short-term,
 60 ~~nonrenewable health insurance policies of no more than a 6-month~~
 61 ~~policy term~~, provided that it is clearly disclosed to the
 62 applicant in the advertising and application, in 14-point ~~10-~~
 63 ~~point~~ contrasting type, that "This policy does not meet the
 64 definition of qualifying previous coverage or qualifying
 65 existing coverage as defined in s. 627.6699. As a result, if
 66 purchased in lieu of a conversion policy or other group
 67 coverage, you may have to meet a preexisting condition
 68 requirement when renewing or purchasing other coverage."

69 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 627.6425, Florida
 70 Statutes, is amended to read:

71 627.6425 Renewability of individual coverage.—

72 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an
 73 insurer that provides individual health insurance coverage to an
 74 individual shall renew or continue in force such coverage at the
 75 option of the individual. For the purpose of this section, the

76 term "individual health insurance" means health insurance
77 coverage, as described in s. 624.603, offered to an individual
78 in this state, including certificates of coverage offered to
79 individuals in this state as part of a group policy issued to an
80 association outside this state, but the term does not include
81 ~~short-term limited duration insurance or~~ excepted benefits
82 specified in s. 627.6513(1)-(14).

83 Section 4. Section 627.6426, Florida Statutes, is created
84 to read:

85 627.6426 Short-term health insurance.-

86 (1) For purposes of this part, the term "short-term health
87 insurance" means health insurance coverage provided by an issuer
88 with an expiration date specified in the contract that is less
89 than 12 months after the original effective date of the contract
90 and, taking into account renewals or extensions, has a duration
91 not to exceed 36 months in total.

92 (2) All contracts for short-term health insurance entered
93 into by an issuer and an individual seeking coverage shall
94 include the following disclosure:

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96 "This coverage is not required to comply with certain federal
97 market requirements for health insurance, principally those
98 contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Be
99 sure to check your policy carefully to make sure you are aware
100 of any exclusions or limitations regarding coverage of

101 preexisting conditions or health benefits (such as
102 hospitalization, emergency services, maternity care, preventive
103 care, prescription drugs, and mental health and substance use
104 disorder services). Your policy might also have lifetime and/or
105 annual dollar limits on health benefits. If this coverage
106 expires or you lose eligibility for this coverage, you might
107 have to wait until an open enrollment period to get other health
108 insurance coverage."

109 Section 5. Section 627.6525, Florida Statutes, is created
110 to read:

111 627.6525 Short-term health insurance.-

112 (1) For purposes of this part, the term "short-term health
113 insurance" means a group, blanket, or franchise policy of health
114 insurance coverage provided by an issuer with an expiration date
115 specified in the contract that is less than 12 months after the
116 original effective date of the contract and, taking into account
117 renewals or extensions, has a duration not to exceed 36 months
118 in total.

119 (2) All contracts for short-term health insurance entered
120 into by an issuer and a party seeking coverage shall include the
121 following disclosure:

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123 "This coverage is not required to comply with certain federal
124 market requirements for health insurance, principally those
125 contained in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Be

126 sure to check your policy carefully to make sure you are aware
127 of any exclusions or limitations regarding coverage of
128 preexisting conditions or health benefits (such as
129 hospitalization, emergency services, maternity care, preventive
130 care, prescription drugs, and mental health and substance use
131 disorder services). Your policy might also have lifetime and/or
132 annual dollar limits on health benefits. If this coverage
133 expires or you lose eligibility for this coverage, you might
134 have to wait until an open enrollment period to get other health
135 insurance coverage."

136 Section 6. Subsection (1) of section 627.654, Florida
137 Statutes, is amended to read:

138 627.654 Labor union, association, and small employer
139 health alliance groups.—

140 (1) (a) A bona fide group or association of employers, as
141 defined in 29 C.F.R. part 2510.3-5, or a group of individuals
142 may be insured under a policy issued to an association,
143 including a labor union, which association has a constitution
144 and bylaws ~~and not less than 25 individual members~~ and which has
145 been organized ~~and has been maintained in good faith for a~~
146 ~~period of 1 year~~ for purposes in addition to ~~other than~~ that of
147 obtaining insurance, or to the trustees of a fund established by
148 such an association, which association or trustees shall be
149 deemed the policyholder, insuring at least 15 individual members
150 of the association for the benefit of persons other than the

151 officers of the association, the association, or trustees.

152 (b) A small employer, as defined in s. 627.6699 and
153 including the employer's eligible employees and the spouses and
154 dependents of such employees, may be insured under a policy
155 issued to a small employer health alliance by a carrier as
156 defined in s. 627.6699. ~~A small employer health alliance must be
157 organized as a not-for-profit corporation under chapter 617.
158 Notwithstanding any other law, if a small employer member of an
159 alliance loses eligibility to purchase health care through the
160 alliance solely because the business of the small employer
161 member expands to more than 50 and fewer than 75 eligible
162 employees, the small employer member may, at its next renewal
163 date, purchase coverage through the alliance for not more than 1
164 additional year. A small employer health alliance shall
165 establish conditions of participation in the alliance by a small
166 employer, including, but not limited to:~~

167 1. ~~Assurance that the small employer is not formed for the
168 purpose of securing health benefit coverage.~~

169 2. ~~Assurance that the employees of a small employer have
170 not been added for the purpose of securing health benefit
171 coverage.~~

172 Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.