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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

The Committee on Banking and Insurance (Diaz) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 23 - 48

and insert:

(c) "Reasonable reimbursement" means reimbursement that considers the actual cost of services rendered, the operation of an air ambulance service by a county which operates entirely within a designated area of critical state concern as determined by the Department of Economic Opportunity, and in-network reimbursement established by the insurer for the specific



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11 policy. The term does not include billed charges for the cost of
12 services rendered.

13 (2) A health insurance policy must require a health insurer
14 to provide reasonable reimbursement to an air ambulance service
15 for covered nonemergency and emergency services provided to an
16 insured in accordance with the coverage terms of the policy.
17 Such reasonable reimbursement may be reduced only by applicable
18 copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles. The reasonable
19 reimbursement must serve as full and final payment to the air
20 ambulance service.

21 Section 2. Section 641.514, Florida Statutes, is created to
22 read:

23 641.514 Coverage for air ambulance services.—

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

25 (a) "Air ambulance service" has the same meaning as
26 provided in s. 401.23.

27 (b) "Reasonable reimbursement" means reimbursement that
28 considers the actual cost of services rendered, the operation of
29 an air ambulance service by a county which operates entirely
30 within a designated area of critical state concern as determined
31 by the Department of Economic Opportunity, and in-network
32 reimbursement established by the health maintenance organization
33 for the specific health maintenance contract. The term does not
34 include billed charges for the cost of services rendered.

35 (2) A health maintenance contract must require a health
36 maintenance organization to provide reasonable reimbursement to
37 an air ambulance service for covered nonemergency and emergency
38 services provided to a subscriber in accordance with the
39 coverage terms of the contract. Such reasonable reimbursement



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40 may be reduced only by applicable copayments, coinsurance, and
41 deductibles. The reasonable reimbursement must serve as full and
42 final payment to the air ambulance service.

43 Section 3. If any provision of s. 627.42397 or s. 641.514,
44 Florida Statutes, as created by this act is determined to be
45 invalid or inoperative for any reason, the remaining provisions
46 thereof shall be deemed to be void and of no effect. To this
47 end, the Legislature declares that it would not have enacted any
48 of the provisions of s. 627.42397 or s. 641.514, Florida
49 Statutes, individually, and expressly finds them not to be
50 severable.

51 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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

54 And the title is amended as follows:

55 Delete lines 3 - 10

56 and insert:

57 services; creating ss. 627.42397 and 641.514, F.S.;

58 defining terms; requiring health insurers and health

59 maintenance organizations, respectively, to provide

60 reasonable reimbursement to air ambulance services for

61 certain covered services; providing that such

62 reimbursement may be reduced only by certain amounts;

63 providing that reasonable reimbursement must serve as

64 full and final payment to the air ambulance service;

65 providing that provisions of this act are not

66 severable;