

Amendment No. 1

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER		

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health Market Reform
 2 Subcommittee

3 Representative Williamson offered the following:

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 5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Section 627.42397, Florida Statutes, is created
 8 to read:

9 627.42397 Coverage for air ambulance services.-

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

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

13 (b) "Health insurer" means an authorized insurer offering
 14 health insurance as defined in s. 624.603.

15 (c) "Reasonable reimbursement" means reimbursement that
 16 considers the direct cost to provide the air ambulance

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17 transportation service to the insured, the operation of an air
18 ambulance service by a county which operates entirely within a
19 designated area of critical state concern as determined by the
20 Department of Economic Opportunity, and in-network reimbursement
21 established by the health insurer for the specific policy. The
22 term does not include billed charges for the cost of services
23 rendered.

24 (2) A health insurance policy must require a health
25 insurer to provide reasonable reimbursement to an air ambulance
26 service for covered nonemergency and emergency services provided
27 to an insured in accordance with the coverage terms of the
28 policy. Such reasonable reimbursement may be reduced only by
29 applicable copayments, coinsurance, and deductibles. The
30 reasonable reimbursement must serve as full and final payment to
31 the air ambulance service.

32 Section 2. Section 641.514, Florida Statutes, is created
33 to read:

34 641.514 Coverage for air ambulance services.-

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

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

38 (b) "Health maintenance organization" has the same meaning
39 as provided in s. 641.19(12).

40 (c) "Reasonable reimbursement" means reimbursement that
41 considers the direct cost to provide the air ambulance

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42 transportation service the subscriber, the operation of an air
43 ambulance service by a county which operates entirely within a
44 designated area of critical state concern as determined by the
45 Department of Economic Opportunity, and in-network reimbursement
46 established by the health maintenance organization for the
47 specific contract. The term does not include billed charges for
48 the cost of services rendered.

49 (2) A health maintenance contract must require a health
50 maintenance organization to provide reasonable reimbursement to
51 an air ambulance service for covered nonemergency and emergency
52 services provided to a subscriber in accordance with the
53 coverage terms of the contract. Such reasonable reimbursement
54 may be reduced only by applicable copayments, coinsurance, and
55 deductibles. The reasonable reimbursement must serve as full and
56 final payment to the air ambulance service.

57 Section 3. If any provision of section 627.42397, Florida
58 Statutes, or section 641.514, Florida Statutes, as created by
59 this act, is determined to be invalid or inoperative for any
60 reason, the remaining provisions thereof shall be deemed to be
61 void and of no effect. To this end, the Legislature declares
62 that it would not have enacted any of the provisions of section
63 627.42397, Florida Statutes, or section 641.514, Florida
64 Statutes, individually and expressly finds them not to be
65 severable.

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

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Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to coverage for air ambulance services; creating
ss. 627.42397 and 641.514, F.S.; providing definitions;
requiring health insurers and health maintenance organizations,
respectively, to provide reasonable reimbursement to air
ambulance services for certain covered services; providing that
such reimbursement may be reduced only by certain amounts;
providing that reasonable reimbursement must serve as full and
final payment to air ambulance services; providing
nonseverability; providing an effective date.