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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Koster offered the following:

Amendment

Remove lines 100-189 and insert:

name of the hospital. If a hospital-based off-campus emergency department is located on the same premises as an urgent care center, the signage may also identify the urgent care center.

2. A hospital-based off-campus emergency department shall conspicuously post signs at locations that are readily accessible to and visible by patients outside the entrance to the facility and in patient waiting areas which state the following: "THIS IS A HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT." Unless the hospital-based off-campus emergency department shares a premises

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14 and a public entrance with an urgent care center, the signs must
15 also state the following: "THIS IS NOT AN URGENT CARE CENTER.
16 HOSPITAL EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT RATES ARE BILLED FOR OUR
17 SERVICES." The signs must also specify the facility's average
18 facility fee, if any, and notify the public that the facility or
19 a physician providing medical care at the facility may be an
20 out-of-network provider. The signs must be at least 2 square
21 feet in size and the text must be in at least 36 point type.

22 3. Except as provided in this subparagraph, any
23 advertisement for a hospital-based off-campus emergency
24 department must include the following statement: "This emergency
25 department is part of (insert hospital name)." Unless the
26 hospital-based off-campus emergency department is located on the
27 same premises as an urgent care center that is advertised in the
28 same advertisement, the advertisement must also include the
29 following statement: "This is not an urgent care center. Its
30 services and care are billed at hospital emergency department
31 rates." Any billboard advertising a hospital-based off-campus
32 emergency department which measures at least 200 square feet
33 must include the following statement in clearly legible
34 contrasting color text at least 15 inches high: "(INSERT NAME OF
35 HOSPITAL) EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT." Unless the hospital-based off-
36 campus emergency department is located on the same premises as
37 an urgent care center that is advertised on the same billboard,
38 such billboard must also include the following statement in

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39 clearly legible contrasting color text at least 15 inches high:
40 "THIS IS NOT AN URGENT CARE CENTER."

41 4. The agency shall post on its website, and annually
42 update, information that describes the differences between a
43 hospital-based off-campus emergency department and an urgent
44 care center. Each hospital shall post a link to such information
45 in a prominent location on its website. Such description must
46 include:

47 a. At least two examples illustrating the impact on
48 insured and insurer paid amounts of inappropriate utilization of
49 nonemergent services and care in a hospital emergency department
50 setting compared to utilization of nonemergent services and care
51 in an urgent care center;

52 b. An interactive tool to locate local urgent care
53 centers; and

54 c. What to do in the event of a true emergency.

55 Section 4. Section 627.6405, Florida Statutes, is amended
56 to read:

57 627.6405 Decreasing inappropriate utilization of emergency
58 care.—

59 ~~(1) The Legislature finds and declares it to be of vital~~
60 ~~importance that emergency services and care be provided by~~
61 ~~hospitals and physicians to every person in need of such care,~~
62 ~~but with the double-digit increases in health insurance~~
63 ~~premiums, health care providers and insurers should encourage~~

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64 ~~patients and the insured to assume responsibility for their~~
65 ~~treatment, including emergency care. The Legislature finds that~~
66 ~~inappropriate utilization of emergency department services~~
67 ~~increases the overall cost of providing health care and these~~
68 ~~costs are ultimately borne by the hospital, the insured~~
69 ~~patients, and, many times, by the taxpayers of this state.~~
70 ~~Finally, the Legislature declares that the providers and~~
71 ~~insurers must share the responsibility of providing alternative~~
72 ~~treatment options to urgent care patients outside of the~~
73 ~~emergency department. Therefore, it is the intent of the~~
74 ~~Legislature to place the obligation for educating consumers and~~
75 ~~creating mechanisms for delivery of care that will decrease the~~
76 ~~overutilization of emergency service on health insurers and~~
77 ~~providers.~~

78 (1)(2) A health insurer insurers shall post provide on its
79 website, and update annually, their websites information
80 regarding appropriate utilization of emergency care services
81 which shall include, but need not be limited to:

82 (a) A list of alternative urgent care contracted
83 providers;

84 (b) The types of services offered by these providers;

85 (c) At least two examples illustrating the impact on
86 insured and insurer paid amounts of inappropriate utilization of
87 nonemergent services and care in a hospital emergency department
88 setting compared to utilization of nonemergent services and care

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89 in an urgent care center;

90 (d) An interactive tool to locate local in-network and
91 out-of-network urgent care centers; and

92 (e) What to do in the event of a true emergency.

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