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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to coverage for orthotics and
3	prosthetics services; amending s. 409.906, F.S.;
4	authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration
5	to pay for specified orthotics and prosthetics
6	services for Medicaid recipients, subject to specific
7	appropriations; requiring the agency to seek federal
8	approval, if necessary, and amend contracts as
9	necessary to implement the services payment
10	provisions; creating ss. 627.64085, 627.6614, and
11	641.31079, F.S.; requiring individual health insurance
12	policies, group, blanket, and franchise health
13	insurance policies, and health maintenance contracts,
14	respectively, to provide coverage for specified
15	orthotics and prosthetics services; prohibiting health
16	insurers and health maintenance organizations from
17	denying claims under certain circumstances; requiring
18	health insurers and health maintenance organizations
19	to submit annual reports of specified information to
20	the Office of Insurance Regulation; providing an
21	effective date.
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23	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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25	Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 409.906, Florida
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26 Statutes, is amended to read:

27 409.906 Optional Medicaid services.-Subject to specific 28 appropriations, the agency may make payments for services which are optional to the state under Title XIX of the Social Security 29 30 Act and are furnished by Medicaid providers to recipients who are determined to be eligible on the dates on which the services 31 32 were provided. Any optional service that is provided shall be 33 provided only when medically necessary and in accordance with 34 state and federal law. Optional services rendered by providers 35 in mobile units to Medicaid recipients may be restricted or 36 prohibited by the agency. Nothing in this section shall be 37 construed to prevent or limit the agency from adjusting fees, reimbursement rates, lengths of stay, number of visits, or 38 39 number of services, or making any other adjustments necessary to 40 comply with the availability of moneys and any limitations or 41 directions provided for in the General Appropriations Act or 42 chapter 216. If necessary to safeguard the state's systems of 43 providing services to elderly and disabled persons and subject 44 to the notice and review provisions of s. 216.177, the Governor 45 may direct the Agency for Health Care Administration to amend 46 the Medicaid state plan to delete the optional Medicaid service 47 known as "Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled." Optional services may include: 48

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- (10) DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.-
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(a) The agency may authorize and pay for certain durable

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51	medical equipment and supplies provided to a Medicaid recipient
52	as medically necessary.
53	(b) The agency may authorize and pay for all of the
54	following orthotics and prosthetics services:
55	1. Orthoses and prostheses as those terms are defined in
56	s. 468.80. Coverage must include payment for the model of an
57	orthosis or prosthesis which is deemed by the recipient's
58	provider to be the most appropriate to meet the medical needs of
59	the recipient to perform activities of daily living, essential
60	job-related activities, and physical recreational activities
61	that maximize the recipient's full body health and lower and
62	upper limb function.
63	2. All materials and components necessary to use the
64	orthosis or prosthesis.
65	3. Instruction on the use of the orthosis or prosthesis.
66	4. Any necessary repairs or replacement of the orthosis or
67	prosthesis.
68	Section 2. The Agency for Health Care Administration shall
69	seek federal approval, if necessary, and amend contracts as
70	necessary to implement the changes made to s. 409.906, Florida
71	Statutes, by this act.
72	Section 3. Section 627.64085, Florida Statutes, is created
73	to read:
74	627.64085 Orthotics and prosthetics services
75	(1) A health insurance policy issued, amended, delivered,
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76	or renewed in this state on or after July 1, 2024, must provide
77	coverage for all of the following:
78	(a) Orthoses and prostheses as those terms are defined in
79	s. 468.80 if the insured's provider determines that an orthosis
80	or prosthesis is medically necessary for the insured to perform
81	activities of daily living, essential job-related activities,
82	and physical recreational activities, such as running, biking,
83	swimming, strength training, and other activities that maximize
84	the insured's full body health and lower and upper limb
85	function.
86	(b) Any replacement of the orthosis or prosthesis, or part
87	thereof, without regard to continuous use or useful lifetime
88	restrictions, if the insured's provider determines that it is
89	medically necessary due to any of the following:
90	1. A change in the physiological condition of the insured.
91	2. An irreparable change in the condition of the orthosis
92	or prosthesis, or part thereof.
93	3. The condition of the device, or part thereof, requires
94	repairs and the cost of the repairs would be more than 60
95	percent of the cost of a replacement orthosis or prosthesis or
96	of the part thereof requiring replacement.
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98	A health insurer may require supporting documentation from an
99	insured's provider to confirm the need for a replacement for an
100	orthosis or a prosthesis that is less than 3 years old.
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101 (2) A health insurer may not deny a claim for an orthosis 102 or a prosthesis for an insured with limb loss or limb absence 103 which would otherwise be covered for a nondisabled person seeking medical or surgical intervention to restore or maintain 104 105 the ability to perform the same type of physical function 106 affected. (3) Beginning July 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each 107 health insurer subject to this section shall submit a report to 108 109 the office of the total number of claims submitted for orthoses and prostheses services in the previous plan year and the total 110 number of such claims that were paid, including the amount paid. 111 Section 4. Section 627.6614, Florida Statutes, is created 112 113 to read: 114 627.6614 Orthotics and prosthetics services.-(1) A group, blanket, or franchise health insurance policy 115 116 issued, amended, delivered, or renewed in this state on or after 117 July 1, 2024, must provide coverage for all of the following: 118 (a) Orthoses and prostheses as those terms are defined in 119 s. 468.80 if the insured's provider determines that an orthosis 120 or prosthesis is medically necessary for the insured to perform activities of daily living, essential job-related activities, 121 and physical recreational activities, such as running, biking, 122 123 swimming, strength training, and other activities that maximize 124 the insured's full body health and lower and upper limb 125 function.

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126 (b) Any replacement of the orthosis or prosthesis, or part 127 thereof, without regard to continuous use or useful lifetime 128 restrictions, if the insured's provider determines that it is 129 medically necessary due to any of the following: 130 1. A change in the physiological condition of the insured. 131 2. An irreparable change in the condition of the orthosis 132 or prosthesis, or part thereof. 133 3. The condition of the device, or part thereof, requires 134 repairs and the cost of the repairs would be more than 60 135 percent of the cost of a replacement orthosis or prosthesis or 136 of the part thereof requiring replacement. 137 138 A health insurer may require supporting documentation from an 139 insured's provider to confirm the need for a replacement for an 140 orthosis or a prosthesis that is less than 3 years old. 141 (2) A health insurer may not deny a claim for an orthosis 142 or a prosthesis for an insured with limb loss or limb absence 143 which would otherwise be covered for a nondisabled person 144 seeking medical or surgical intervention to restore or maintain 145 the ability to perform the same type of physical function 146 affected. 147 (3) Beginning July 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each 148 health insurer subject to this section shall submit a report to 149 the office of the total number of claims submitted for orthoses 150 and prostheses services in the previous plan year and the total

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151	number of such claims that were paid, including the amount paid.
152	Section 5. Section 641.31079, Florida Statutes, is created
153	to read:
154	641.31079 Orthotics and prosthetics services
155	(1) A health maintenance contract issued, amended,
156	delivered, or renewed in this state on or after July 1, 2024,
157	must provide coverage for all of the following:
158	(a) Orthoses and prostheses as those terms are defined in
159	s. 468.80 if the subscriber's provider determines that an
160	orthosis or prosthesis is medically necessary for the subscriber
161	to perform activities of daily living, essential job-related
162	activities, and physical recreational activities, such as
163	running, biking, swimming, strength training, and other
164	activities that maximize the subscriber's full body health and
165	lower and upper limb function.
166	(b) Any replacement of the orthosis or prosthesis, or part
167	thereof, without regard to continuous use or useful lifetime
168	restrictions, if the subscriber's provider determines that it is
169	medically necessary due to any of the following:
170	1. A change in the physiological condition of the
171	subscriber.
172	2. An irreparable change in the condition of the orthosis
173	or prosthesis, or part thereof.
174	3. The condition of the device, or part thereof, requires
175	repairs and the cost of the repairs would be more than 60
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176	percent of the cost of a replacement orthosis or prosthesis or
177	of the part thereof requiring replacement.
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179	A health maintenance organization may require supporting
180	documentation from a subscriber's provider to confirm the need
181	for a replacement for an orthosis or a prosthesis that is less
182	than 3 years old.
183	(2) A health maintenance organization may not deny a claim
184	for an orthosis or a prosthesis for a subscriber with limb loss
185	or limb absence which would otherwise be covered for a
186	nondisabled person seeking medical or surgical intervention to
187	restore or maintain the ability to perform the same type of
188	physical function affected.
189	(3) Beginning July 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each
190	health maintenance organization subject to this section shall
191	submit a report to the office of the total number of claims
192	submitted for orthoses and prostheses services in the previous
193	plan year and the total number of such claims that were paid,
194	including the amount paid.
195	Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.
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