By Senator Simon

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A bill to be entitled An act relating to pharmacist selection and reimbursement; creating ss. 110.12305, 409.91193, 409.9773, 627.64743, 627.65723, and 641.3143, F.S.; authorizing health plan members and covered individuals under the state group insurance program plans and health maintenance organizations, Medicaid recipients under the Medicaid managed care plans and Medicaid providers, Medicaid managed care enrollees under eligible plans contracted with the Agency for Health Care Administration for the Medicaid program, insureds and covered individuals under individual health insurance policies, insureds and covered individuals under group, blanket, and franchise health insurance policies, and subscribers and covered individuals under health maintenance contracts, respectively, to select in-network pharmacists for services under certain circumstances; prohibiting reimbursement to in-network pharmacists from being denied under specified circumstances; providing that licensed pharmacists may count toward network adequacy standards for access to services within the scope of practice of pharmacists; providing construction;

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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Section 110.12305, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

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110.12305 Pharmacist selection and reimbursement.

- (1) (a) A health plan member or covered individual may select an in-network pharmacist for any service covered by the state group health insurance plan, state-contracted HMO, or any other insurance plan under the state group insurance program which is within the scope of practice of a pharmacist licensed under chapter 465.
- (b) Reimbursement to an in-network pharmacist may not be denied for the provision of a service that is within the scope of practice of a pharmacist licensed under chapter 465 if the service, when provided by an allopathic physician licensed under chapter 458, an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 459, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under chapter 464, is covered by the state group health insurance plan under the state group insurance program.
- (2)(a) Pharmacists licensed under chapter 465 may count toward network adequacy standards for provider access to services provided within the scope of practice of pharmacists.
- (b) The participation of pharmacies in the network's drug benefits does not satisfy the requirement of paragraph (a).
- Section 2. Section 409.91193, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
 - 409.91193 Pharmacist selection and reimbursement.
- (1) (a) A Medicaid recipient may select an in-network pharmacist for any service covered by the managed care plan or Medicaid provider which is within the scope of practice of a pharmacist licensed under chapter 465.

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(b) Reimbursement to an in-network pharmacist may not be denied for the provision of a service that is within the scope of practice of a pharmacist licensed under chapter 465 if the service, when provided by an allopathic physician licensed under chapter 458, an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under chapter 464, is covered by the managed care plan or Medicaid provider.

- (2) (a) Pharmacists licensed under chapter 465 may count toward network adequacy standards for provider access to services provided within the scope of practice of pharmacists.
- (b) The participation of pharmacies in the network's drug benefits does not satisfy the requirement of paragraph (a).

Section 3. Section 409.9773, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

- 409.9773 Pharmacist selection and reimbursement.-
- (1) (a) A Medicaid managed care enrollee may select an innetwork pharmacist for any service covered by the managed care plan which is within the scope of practice of a pharmacist licensed under chapter 465.
- (b) Reimbursement to an in-network pharmacist may not be denied for the provision of a service that is within the scope of practice of a pharmacist licensed under chapter 465 if the service, when provided by an allopathic physician licensed under chapter 458, an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 459, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under chapter 464, is covered by the managed care plan.

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(2) (a) Pharmacists licensed under chapter 465 may count toward network adequacy standards for provider access to services provided within the scope of practice of pharmacists.

- (b) The participation of pharmacies in the network's drug benefits does not satisfy the requirement of paragraph (a).
- Section 4. Section 627.64743, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
 - 627.64743 Pharmacist selection and reimbursement.-
- (1) (a) An insured or covered individual may select an innetwork pharmacist for any service covered by the health insurance policy which is within the scope of practice of a pharmacist licensed under chapter 465.
- (b) Reimbursement to an in-network pharmacist may not be denied for the provision of a service that is within the scope of practice of a pharmacist licensed under chapter 465 if the service, when provided by an allopathic physician licensed under chapter 458, an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 459, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under chapter 464, is covered by the health insurance policy.
- (2) (a) Pharmacists licensed under chapter 465 may count toward network adequacy standards for provider access to services provided within the scope of practice of pharmacists.
- (b) The participation of pharmacies in the network's drug benefits does not satisfy the requirement of paragraph (a).
- Section 5. Section 627.65723, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
 - 627.65723 Pharmacist selection and reimbursement.
 - (1) (a) An insured or covered individual may select an in-

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network pharmacist for any service covered by the health
insurance policy which is within the scope of practice of a
pharmacist licensed under chapter 465.

- (b) Reimbursement to an in-network pharmacist may not be denied for the provision of a service that is within the scope of practice of a pharmacist licensed under chapter 465 if the service, when provided by an allopathic physician licensed under chapter 458, an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 459, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under chapter 464, is covered by the health insurance policy.
- (2) (a) Pharmacists licensed under chapter 465 may count toward network adequacy standards for provider access to services provided within the scope of practice of pharmacists.
- (b) The participation of pharmacies in the network's drug benefits does not satisfy the requirement of paragraph (a).
- Section 6. Section 641.3143, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
 - 641.3143 Pharmacist selection and reimbursement.
- (1) (a) A subscriber or covered individual may select an innetwork pharmacist for any service covered by the health maintenance contract which is within the scope of practice of a pharmacist licensed under chapter 465.
- (b) Reimbursement to an in-network pharmacist may not be denied for the provision of a service that is within the scope of practice of a pharmacist licensed under chapter 465 if the service, when provided by an allopathic physician licensed under chapter 458, an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter

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146	459, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under
147	chapter 464, is covered by the health maintenance contract.
148	(2)(a) Pharmacists licensed under chapter 465 may count
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150	services provided within the scope of practice of pharmacists.
151	(b) The participation of pharmacies in the network's drug
152	benefits does not satisfy the requirement of paragraph (a).
153	Section 7. This act shall take effect January 1, 2026.