

**By** the Committee on Fiscal Policy; the Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services; the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Burton

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to health care provider referrals;  
amending s. 456.053, F.S.; requiring certain health  
care providers to disclose, in writing, specified  
information to their patients before making a referral  
for certain health care services; providing an  
effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (j) of subsection (5) of section  
456.053, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

456.053 Financial arrangements between referring health  
care providers and providers of health care services.—

(5) PROHIBITED REFERRALS AND CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT.—Except as  
provided in this section:

(j) A health care provider who meets the requirements of  
paragraphs (b) and (i) shall must disclose the following  
information to his or her patient before making a referral:

1. His or her investment interest to his or her patients as  
provided in s. 456.052; and

2. His or her status with the entity in which the health  
care provider has an investment interest as a nonparticipating  
provider for nonemergency services, as those terms are defined  
in s. 627.64194, or to a provider, as defined in s. 641.47, not  
under contract with the patient's health maintenance  
organization. The disclosure must be in writing and state that  
the services will be provided on an out-of-network basis, which  
may result in additional cost-sharing responsibilities for the

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30 patient.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.