

By Senator Smith

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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to pregnancy support and wellness  
3 services; amending s. 381.96, F.S.; revising contract  
4 requirements for the Florida Pregnancy Care Network,  
5 Inc.; requiring the Department of Health to conduct  
6 annual visits to each organization within the network;  
7 providing requirements for the visits; providing an  
8 effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Present subsections (4) and (5) of section  
13 381.96, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsection (5) and  
14 (6), respectively, a new subsection (4) is added to that  
15 section, and subsection (3) of that section is amended, to read:

16 381.96 Pregnancy support and wellness services.—

17 (3) CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.—The department contract must  
18 ~~shall~~ specify the contract deliverables, including financial  
19 reports and other reports due to the department, timeframes for  
20 achieving contractual obligations, and any other requirements  
21 the department determines are necessary, such as staffing and  
22 location requirements. The contract must ~~shall~~ require the  
23 network to:

24 (a) Establish, implement, and monitor a comprehensive  
25 system of care through subcontractors to meet the pregnancy and  
26 parenting support and wellness needs of eligible clients.

27 (b) Establish and manage subcontracts with a sufficient  
28 number of providers to ensure the availability of pregnancy and  
29 parenting support services and wellness services for eligible

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clients, and maintain and manage the delivery of such services throughout the contract period.

(c) Spend at least 85 percent of the contract funds on pregnancy and parenting support services, excluding services specified in subparagraph (1)(d)4., and wellness services.

(d) Offer wellness services through vouchers or other appropriate arrangements that allow the purchase of services from qualified health care providers.

(e) Require a background screening under s. 943.0542 for all paid staff and volunteers of a subcontractor if such staff or volunteers provide direct client services to an eligible client who is a minor or an elderly person or who has a disability.

(f) Annually monitor its subcontractors and specify the sanctions that shall be imposed for noncompliance with the terms of a subcontract.

(g) Subcontract only with providers that exclusively promote and support childbirth.

(h) Ensure that informational materials provided to an eligible client by a provider include only ~~are~~ current, medically ~~and~~ accurate information and cite the reference source of any medical statement included in such materials. The contract must include fines as a penalty for noncompliance with this paragraph.

(i) Ensure that organizations within the network make information regarding local rape crisis centers and sexual assault treatment centers readily available to clients.

(j) ~~(i)~~ Ensure that the department is provided with all information necessary for the report required under subsection

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59 (6) ~~(5)~~.

60 (k) Perform an annual financial audit of each organization  
61 within the network and submit a report of the audit to the  
62 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
63 Representatives by February 1 each year.

64 (4) DEPARTMENT VISITS.—The department shall visit each  
65 organization within the network at least annually to determine  
66 compliance with the terms of the contract. The visit must be an  
67 unannounced visit conducted during the organization's regular  
68 business hours.

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