

FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BILL ANALYSIS

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BILL #: [CS/HB 1013](#)

TITLE: Home Health Services

SPONSOR(S): Franklin

COMPANION BILL: None

LINKED BILLS: None

RELATED BILLS: [SB 1068](#) (Calatayud)

Committee References

[Health Care Facilities & Systems](#)

18 Y, 0 N, As CS



[Health & Human Services](#)

23 Y, 0 N

SUMMARY

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Fiscal or Economic Impact:

None

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This supplements the requirement in current law that nurse registries [disclose](#) the independent contractor status of caregivers they refer to patients.

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2026.

RELEVANT INFORMATION

SUBJECT OVERVIEW:

[Nurse Registries](#)

A nurse registry is an agency licensed to secure employment for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, certified nursing assistants (CNA), home health aides (HHA), homemakers, and companions (caregivers) in a patient's home or with health care facilities or other entities.¹ Nurse registries are governed by part II of chapter 408, F.S.,² associated rules in Chapter 59A-35, F.A.C., and the nurse registry rules in Chapter 59A-18, F.A.C. A nurse registry must be licensed by the Agency for Health Care Administration to offer contracts in Florida.³

¹ S. 400.462(21), F.S.

² S. 400.506(2), F.S. A nurse registry is also governed by the provisions in s. 400.506, F.S.

³ S. 400.506(1), F.S.

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When a nurse registry accepts a patient for referral to an independent contractor, the nurse registry must have a reasonable expectation that the requested services can be provided adequately and safely in the patient’s residence.⁴ A caregiver referred by a nurse registry for contract in a private residence who is not a nurse licensed under part I of chapter 464, such as a CNA, HHA, homemaker, or companion, may only provide patient services or care for which they have been certified or trained to perform under current law or rules of AHCA or the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.⁵ Providing services beyond their authorized scope constitutes the unauthorized practice of medicine or a violation of the Nurse Practice Act and is subject to punishment as provided under current law.

A caregiver referred for contract to a patient by a nurse registry is an independent contractor, not an employee of the nurse registry.⁶ Nurse registries must [disclose](#) to patients that a caregiver referred for contract is an independent contractor and that the nurse registry is prohibited from monitoring, supervising, managing, or training the caregiver.⁷

Nurse registries are classified as low-risk providers, which means they are exempt from initial licensure inspections and relicensure inspections.⁸ Instead, AHCA is required to conduct unannounced licensure inspections on at least 10 percent of providers to verify regulatory compliance.⁹

In 2015 there were 517 licensed nurse registries in Florida.¹⁰ As of February 11, 2026, there are 1,310 licensed nurse registries in Florida.¹¹ For comparison, in 2015 there were 2,051 licensed home health agencies in Florida and, as of February 11, 2026, there are 2,863 licensed home health agencies.¹² These numbers represent growth rates of 153 percent for nurse registries and 40 percent for home health agencies.

BILL HISTORY

COMMITTEE REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE	STAFF DIRECTOR/ POLICY CHIEF	ANALYSIS PREPARED BY
Health Care Facilities & Systems Subcommittee	18 Y, 0 N, As CS	2/12/2026	Lloyd	Guzzo
THE CHANGES ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE:	Removed provisions related to written disclosure of certain information to clients, licensure inspections, and the usage of prohibited terms in advertisements for licensed nurse registries and companion and homemaker service providers.			
Health & Human Services Committee	23 Y, 0 N	2/18/2026	Calamas	Guzzo

THIS BILL ANALYSIS HAS BEEN UPDATED TO INCORPORATE ALL OF THE CHANGES DESCRIBED ABOVE.

⁴ Rule 59A-18.010(2), F.A.C.

⁵ S. 400.506(7).

⁶ S. 400.506(6)(d).

⁷ S. 400.506(6)(e).

⁸ Ss. 408.803(10), 408.811(1)(c), and 408.806(7)(b), F.S.

⁹ S. 408.811(1)(c), F.S.

¹⁰ Florida House of Representatives, Final Bill Analysis of 2015 CS/CS/HB 1039 (May 26, 2015).

¹¹ Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, Florida Health Finder Facility Search, available at <https://quality.healthfinder.fl.gov/Facility-Provider/Nurse-Registry?&type=1> (last visited February 11, 2026).

¹² *Supra* notes 8 and 9.