

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to motor vehicle personal injury  
3           protection insurance; providing a short title;  
4           amending s. 316.066, F.S.; revising provisions  
5           relating to the contents of written reports of motor  
6           vehicle crashes; authorizing the investigating officer  
7           to testify at trial or provide an affidavit concerning  
8           the content of the reports; amending s. 400.9905,  
9           F.S.; eliminating an exemption from certain  
10          regulations for clinics that receive more than a  
11          specified percentage of income from motor vehicle  
12          personal injury protection insurance policy benefits;  
13          authorizing rulemaking; amending s. 627.736, F.S.;  
14          limiting payments for services provided by  
15          chiropractic physicians and massage therapists;  
16          deleting provisions authorizing reimbursement to  
17          certain providers for services; deleting provisions  
18          relating to forms for certain providers; revising  
19          provisions relating to a prohibition on payment of  
20          benefits if the insured, claimant, medical provider,  
21          or attorney has committed certain acts; revising  
22          provisions relating to charges for treatment of  
23          injured persons; providing that refusal or failure to  
24          appear for two medical examinations raises a  
25          rebuttable presumption that such refusal or failure  
26          was unreasonable; providing restrictions on attorney  
27          fees; requiring attorney fees under no-fault  
28          provisions to be calculated without regard to any

29 | contingency risk multiplier; eliminating certain  
30 | providers from provisions relating to the  
31 | establishment of preferred providers; providing that  
32 | if an insurer offers a preferred provider option, it  
33 | must also offer a nonpreferred provider policy;  
34 | authorizing an insurer to offer an actuarially  
35 | appropriate premium discount to an insured who selects  
36 | the preferred provider option; authorizing such  
37 | policies to limit payment for nonemergency services in  
38 | certain circumstances; authorizing an insurer to  
39 | contract with another insurer for the right to use an  
40 | existing preferred provider network to implement the  
41 | preferred provider option; conforming cross-  
42 | references; amending s. 627.7407, F.S.; repealing the  
43 | Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law on a date certain  
44 | unless reviewed by the Legislature and reenacted prior  
45 | to that date; requiring the Office of Insurance  
46 | Regulation to perform a personal injury protection  
47 | data call and publish results within a specified  
48 | period; providing requirements for the data call;  
49 | requiring each insurer transacting motor vehicle  
50 | insurance to decrease rates through a "use and file"  
51 | filing or make a full annual base rate filing within a  
52 | specified period; providing for severability;  
53 | providing an effective date.

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55 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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57 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Comprehensive  
 58 Motor Vehicle Accountability Act."

59 Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 316.066, Florida  
 60 Statutes, is amended to read:

61 316.066 Written reports of crashes.—

62 (1) (a) A Florida Traffic Crash Report ~~must, Long Form is~~  
 63 ~~required to~~ be completed and submitted to the department within  
 64 10 days after ~~completing~~ an investigation is completed by the  
 65 ~~every~~ law enforcement officer who in the regular course of duty  
 66 investigates a motor vehicle crash ~~that:~~

- 67 1. ~~Resulted in death or personal injury.~~
- 68 2. ~~Involved a violation of s. 316.061(1) or s. 316.193.~~

69 (b) ~~In every crash for which a Florida Traffic Crash~~  
 70 ~~Report, Long Form is not required by this section, the law~~  
 71 ~~enforcement officer may complete a short form crash report or~~  
 72 ~~provide a driver exchange-of-information form to be completed by~~  
 73 ~~each party involved in the crash. The short form report must~~  
 74 include:

- 75 1. The date, time, and location of the crash.
- 76 2. A description of the vehicles involved.
- 77 3. The names and addresses of the parties involved,  
 78 including all drivers and passengers, each clearly identified as  
 79 being either a driver or a passenger and specifying the vehicle  
 80 in which each person was a driver or passenger.
- 81 4. The names and addresses of witnesses.
- 82 5. The name, badge number, and law enforcement agency of  
 83 the officer investigating the crash.
- 84 6. The names of the insurance companies for the respective

85 parties involved in the crash.

86 (c) Each party to the crash must provide the law  
 87 enforcement officer with proof of insurance, which must be  
 88 documented in the crash report. If a law enforcement officer  
 89 submits a report on the crash, proof of insurance must be  
 90 provided to the officer by each party involved in the crash. Any  
 91 party who fails to provide the required information commits a  
 92 noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable as a nonmoving  
 93 violation as provided in chapter 318, unless the officer  
 94 determines that due to injuries or other special circumstances  
 95 such insurance information cannot be provided immediately. If  
 96 the person provides the law enforcement agency, within 24 hours  
 97 after the crash, proof of insurance that was valid at the time  
 98 of the crash, the law enforcement agency may void the citation.

99 (d) The driver of a vehicle that was in any manner  
 100 involved in a crash resulting in damage to any vehicle or other  
 101 property in an amount of \$500 or more which was not investigated  
 102 by a law enforcement agency, shall, within 10 days after the  
 103 crash, submit a written report of the crash to the department.  
 104 The entity receiving the report may require witnesses of the  
 105 crash to render reports and may require any driver of a vehicle  
 106 involved in a crash of which a written report must be made to  
 107 file supplemental written reports if the original report is  
 108 deemed insufficient by the receiving entity.

109 (e) The investigating law enforcement officer may testify  
 110 at trial or provide a signed affidavit to confirm or supplement  
 111 the information included on the Florida Traffic Crash Report or  
 112 driver exchange-of-information report ~~Short-form crash reports~~

113 ~~prepared by law enforcement shall be maintained by the law~~  
 114 ~~enforcement officer's agency.~~

115 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 400.9905, Florida  
 116 Statutes, is amended to read:

117 400.9905 Definitions.—

118 (4) "Clinic" means an entity at which health care services  
 119 are provided to individuals and which tenders charges for  
 120 reimbursement for such services, including a mobile clinic and a  
 121 portable equipment provider. For purposes of this part, the term  
 122 does not include and the licensure requirements of this part do  
 123 not apply to:

124 (a) Entities licensed or registered by the state under  
 125 chapter 395; or entities licensed or registered by the state and  
 126 providing only health care services within the scope of services  
 127 authorized under their respective licenses granted under ss.  
 128 383.30-383.335, chapter 390, chapter 394, chapter 397, this  
 129 chapter except part X, chapter 429, chapter 463, chapter 465,  
 130 chapter 466, chapter 478, part I of chapter 483, chapter 484, or  
 131 chapter 651; end-stage renal disease providers authorized under  
 132 42 C.F.R. part 405, subpart U; or providers certified under 42  
 133 C.F.R. part 485, subpart B or subpart H; or any entity that  
 134 provides neonatal or pediatric hospital-based health care  
 135 services or other health care services by licensed practitioners  
 136 solely within a hospital licensed under chapter 395.

137 (b) Entities that own, directly or indirectly, entities  
 138 licensed or registered by the state pursuant to chapter 395; or  
 139 entities that own, directly or indirectly, entities licensed or  
 140 registered by the state and providing only health care services

141 within the scope of services authorized pursuant to their  
142 respective licenses granted under ss. 383.30-383.335, chapter  
143 390, chapter 394, chapter 397, this chapter except part X,  
144 chapter 429, chapter 463, chapter 465, chapter 466, chapter 478,  
145 part I of chapter 483, chapter 484, chapter 651; end-stage renal  
146 disease providers authorized under 42 C.F.R. part 405, subpart  
147 U; or providers certified under 42 C.F.R. part 485, subpart B or  
148 subpart H; or any entity that provides neonatal or pediatric  
149 hospital-based health care services by licensed practitioners  
150 solely within a hospital licensed under chapter 395.

151 (c) Entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, by an  
152 entity licensed or registered by the state pursuant to chapter  
153 395; or entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, by an  
154 entity licensed or registered by the state and providing only  
155 health care services within the scope of services authorized  
156 pursuant to their respective licenses granted under ss. 383.30-  
157 383.335, chapter 390, chapter 394, chapter 397, this chapter  
158 except part X, chapter 429, chapter 463, chapter 465, chapter  
159 466, chapter 478, part I of chapter 483, chapter 484, or chapter  
160 651; end-stage renal disease providers authorized under 42  
161 C.F.R. part 405, subpart U; or providers certified under 42  
162 C.F.R. part 485, subpart B or subpart H; or any entity that  
163 provides neonatal or pediatric hospital-based health care  
164 services by licensed practitioners solely within a hospital  
165 under chapter 395.

166 (d) Entities that are under common ownership, directly or  
167 indirectly, with an entity licensed or registered by the state  
168 pursuant to chapter 395; or entities that are under common

169 ownership, directly or indirectly, with an entity licensed or  
 170 registered by the state and providing only health care services  
 171 within the scope of services authorized pursuant to their  
 172 respective licenses granted under ss. 383.30-383.335, chapter  
 173 390, chapter 394, chapter 397, this chapter except part X,  
 174 chapter 429, chapter 463, chapter 465, chapter 466, chapter 478,  
 175 part I of chapter 483, chapter 484, or chapter 651; end-stage  
 176 renal disease providers authorized under 42 C.F.R. part 405,  
 177 subpart U; or providers certified under 42 C.F.R. part 485,  
 178 subpart B or subpart H; or any entity that provides neonatal or  
 179 pediatric hospital-based health care services by licensed  
 180 practitioners solely within a hospital licensed under chapter  
 181 395.

182 (e) An entity that is exempt from federal taxation under  
 183 26 U.S.C. s. 501(c)(3) or (4), an employee stock ownership plan  
 184 under 26 U.S.C. s. 409 that has a board of trustees not less  
 185 than two-thirds of which are Florida-licensed health care  
 186 practitioners and provides only physical therapy services under  
 187 physician orders, any community college or university clinic,  
 188 and any entity owned or operated by the federal or state  
 189 government, including agencies, subdivisions, or municipalities  
 190 thereof.

191 (f) A sole proprietorship, group practice, partnership, or  
 192 corporation that provides health care services by physicians  
 193 covered by s. 627.419, that is directly supervised by one or  
 194 more of such physicians, and that is wholly owned by one or more  
 195 of those physicians or by a physician and the spouse, parent,  
 196 child, or sibling of that physician.

197 (g) A sole proprietorship, group practice, partnership, or  
198 corporation that provides health care services by licensed  
199 health care practitioners under chapter 457, chapter 458,  
200 chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, chapter 462, chapter 463,  
201 chapter 466, chapter 467, chapter 480, chapter 484, chapter 486,  
202 chapter 490, chapter 491, or part I, part III, part X, part  
203 XIII, or part XIV of chapter 468, or s. 464.012, which are  
204 wholly owned by one or more licensed health care practitioners,  
205 or the licensed health care practitioners set forth in this  
206 paragraph and the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a  
207 licensed health care practitioner, so long as one of the owners  
208 who is a licensed health care practitioner is supervising the  
209 business activities and is legally responsible for the entity's  
210 compliance with all federal and state laws. However, a health  
211 care practitioner may not supervise services beyond the scope of  
212 the practitioner's license, except that, for the purposes of  
213 this part, a clinic owned by a licensee in s. 456.053(3)(b) that  
214 provides only services authorized pursuant to s. 456.053(3)(b)  
215 may be supervised by a licensee specified in s. 456.053(3)(b).

216 (h) Clinical facilities affiliated with an accredited  
217 medical school at which training is provided for medical  
218 students, residents, or fellows.

219 (i) Entities that provide only oncology or radiation  
220 therapy services by physicians licensed under chapter 458 or  
221 chapter 459 or entities that provide oncology or radiation  
222 therapy services by physicians licensed under chapter 458 or  
223 chapter 459 which are owned by a corporation whose shares are  
224 publicly traded on a recognized stock exchange.



225 (j) Clinical facilities affiliated with a college of  
 226 chiropractic accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education  
 227 at which training is provided for chiropractic students.

228 (k) Entities that provide licensed practitioners to staff  
 229 emergency departments or to deliver anesthesia services in  
 230 facilities licensed under chapter 395 and that derive at least  
 231 90 percent of their gross annual revenues from the provision of  
 232 such services. Entities claiming an exemption from licensure  
 233 under this paragraph must provide documentation demonstrating  
 234 compliance.

235 (l) Orthotic or prosthetic clinical facilities that are a  
 236 publicly traded corporation or that are wholly owned, directly  
 237 or indirectly, by a publicly traded corporation. As used in this  
 238 paragraph, a publicly traded corporation is a corporation that  
 239 issues securities traded on an exchange registered with the  
 240 United States Securities and Exchange Commission as a national  
 241 securities exchange.

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 243 Notwithstanding these exemptions, any legal entity deriving more  
 244 than 30 percent of its gross income, as measured each calendar  
 245 year, beginning January 1, 2013, from motor vehicle personal  
 246 injury protection insurance policy benefits is a clinic as  
 247 defined by this subsection and does not qualify for an  
 248 exemption. The agency may prescribe rules by which it can  
 249 collect revenue information from such entities and require the  
 250 reporting thereof on an annual basis.

251 Section 4. Subsection (1), paragraph (h) of subsection  
 252 (4), paragraph (a) of subsection (5), paragraph (b) of

253 subsection (7), and subsections (8) and (9) of section 627.736,  
 254 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

255 627.736 Required personal injury protection benefits;  
 256 exclusions; priority; claims.—

257 (1) REQUIRED BENEFITS.—Every insurance policy complying  
 258 with the security requirements of s. 627.733 must ~~shall~~ provide  
 259 personal injury protection to the named insured, relatives  
 260 residing in the same household, persons operating the insured  
 261 motor vehicle, passengers in such motor vehicle, and other  
 262 persons struck by such motor vehicle and suffering bodily injury  
 263 while not an occupant of a self-propelled vehicle, subject to  
 264 ~~the provisions of~~ subsection (2) and paragraph (4) (e), to a  
 265 limit of \$10,000 for loss sustained by any such person as a  
 266 result of bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death arising out  
 267 of the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle as  
 268 follows:

269 (a) 1. Medical benefits.—Eighty percent of ~~all reasonable~~  
 270 expenses for medically necessary medical, surgical, X-ray,  
 271 dental, and rehabilitative services, including prosthetic  
 272 devices, and for medically necessary ambulance, hospital, and  
 273 nursing services. However, the medical benefits shall provide  
 274 reimbursement only for such services and care that are lawfully  
 275 provided, supervised, ordered, or prescribed by a physician  
 276 licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, a dentist licensed  
 277 under chapter 466, or a chiropractic physician licensed under  
 278 chapter 460.

279 2. Chiropractic and massage.—Reimbursement for services  
 280 provided by chiropractic physicians licensed under chapter 460

281 and massage therapists licensed under chapter 480, limited to  
 282 the lesser of 24 treatments or to services rendered within 12  
 283 weeks after the date of the initial chiropractic or massage  
 284 therapy treatment, whichever comes first. However, an insurer  
 285 may authorize additional chiropractic or massage therapy  
 286 services. ~~or that are provided by any of the following persons~~  
 287 ~~or entities:~~

288 ~~1. A hospital or ambulatory surgical center licensed under~~  
 289 ~~chapter 395.~~

290 ~~2. A person or entity licensed under ss. 401.2101-401.45~~  
 291 ~~that provides emergency transportation and treatment.~~

292 ~~3. An entity wholly owned by one or more physicians~~  
 293 ~~licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, chiropractic~~  
 294 ~~physicians licensed under chapter 460, or dentists licensed~~  
 295 ~~under chapter 466 or by such practitioner or practitioners and~~  
 296 ~~the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of that practitioner or~~  
 297 ~~those practitioners.~~

298 ~~4. An entity wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by a~~  
 299 ~~hospital or hospitals.~~

300 ~~5. A health care clinic licensed under ss. 400.990-400.995~~  
 301 ~~that is:~~

302 ~~a. Accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of~~  
 303 ~~Healthcare Organizations, the American Osteopathic Association,~~  
 304 ~~the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, or~~  
 305 ~~the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc.;~~  
 306 ~~or~~

307 ~~b. A health care clinic that:~~

308 ~~(I) Has a medical director licensed under chapter 458,~~

309 ~~chapter 459, or chapter 460;~~  
 310 ~~(II) Has been continuously licensed for more than 3 years~~  
 311 ~~or is a publicly traded corporation that issues securities~~  
 312 ~~traded on an exchange registered with the United States~~  
 313 ~~Securities and Exchange Commission as a national securities~~  
 314 ~~exchange; and~~  
 315 ~~(III) Provides at least four of the following medical~~  
 316 ~~specialties:~~  
 317 ~~(A) General medicine.~~  
 318 ~~(B) Radiography.~~  
 319 ~~(C) Orthopedic medicine.~~  
 320 ~~(D) Physical medicine.~~  
 321 ~~(E) Physical therapy.~~  
 322 ~~(F) Physical rehabilitation.~~  
 323 ~~(G) Prescribing or dispensing outpatient prescription~~  
 324 ~~medication.~~  
 325 ~~(H) Laboratory services.~~

327 ~~The Financial Services Commission shall adopt by rule the form~~  
 328 ~~that must be used by an insurer and a health care provider~~  
 329 ~~specified in subparagraph 3., subparagraph 4., or subparagraph~~  
 330 ~~5. to document that the health care provider meets the criteria~~  
 331 ~~of this paragraph, which rule must include a requirement for a~~  
 332 ~~sworn statement or affidavit.~~

333 (b) Disability benefits.—Sixty percent of any loss of  
 334 gross income and loss of earning capacity per individual from  
 335 inability to work proximately caused by the injury sustained by  
 336 the injured person, plus all expenses reasonably incurred in

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337 obtaining from others ordinary and necessary services in lieu of  
338 those that, but for the injury, the injured person would have  
339 performed without income for the benefit of his or her  
340 household. All disability benefits payable under this paragraph  
341 ~~provision~~ shall be paid not less than every 2 weeks.

342 (c) Death benefits.—Death benefits equal to the lesser of  
343 \$5,000 or the remainder of unused personal injury protection  
344 benefits per individual. The insurer may pay such benefits to  
345 the executor or administrator of the deceased, to any of the  
346 deceased's relatives by blood or legal adoption or connection by  
347 marriage, or to any person appearing to the insurer to be  
348 equitably entitled thereto.

349  
350 Only insurers writing motor vehicle liability insurance in this  
351 state may provide the required benefits of this section, and ~~no~~  
352 such an insurer may not ~~shall~~ require the purchase of any other  
353 motor vehicle coverage other than the purchase of property  
354 damage liability coverage as required by s. 627.7275 as a  
355 condition for providing such required benefits. Insurers may not  
356 require that property damage liability insurance in an amount  
357 greater than \$10,000 be purchased in conjunction with personal  
358 injury protection. Such insurers shall make benefits and  
359 required property damage liability insurance coverage available  
360 through normal marketing channels. Any insurer writing motor  
361 vehicle liability insurance in this state who fails to comply  
362 with such availability requirement as a general business  
363 practice violates ~~shall be deemed to have violated~~ part IX of  
364 chapter 626, which constitutes ~~and such violation shall~~

365 ~~constitute~~ an unfair method of competition or an unfair or  
 366 deceptive act or practice involving the business of insurance;  
 367 and any such insurer committing such violation is ~~shall be~~  
 368 subject to the penalties authorized ~~afforded~~ in such part, as  
 369 well as those authorized ~~which may be afforded~~ elsewhere in the  
 370 insurance code.

371 (4) BENEFITS; WHEN DUE.—Benefits due from an insurer under  
 372 ss. 627.730-627.7405 shall be primary, except that benefits  
 373 received under any workers' compensation law shall be credited  
 374 against the benefits provided by subsection (1) and shall be due  
 375 and payable as loss accrues, upon receipt of reasonable proof of  
 376 such loss and the amount of expenses and loss incurred which are  
 377 covered by the policy issued under ss. 627.730-627.7405. When  
 378 the Agency for Health Care Administration provides, pays, or  
 379 becomes liable for medical assistance under the Medicaid program  
 380 related to injury, sickness, disease, or death arising out of  
 381 the ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle, benefits  
 382 under ss. 627.730-627.7405 shall be subject to the provisions of  
 383 the Medicaid program.

384 (h) Benefits shall not be due or payable to or on the  
 385 behalf of an insured, claimant, medical provider, or attorney  
 386 ~~person~~ if the insured, claimant, medical provider, or attorney  
 387 has:

- 388 1. Submitted a false or misleading statement, document,
- 389 record, or bill;
- 390 2. Submitted false or misleading information; or
- 391 3. Otherwise committed or attempted to commit a fraudulent
- 392 insurance act as defined in s. 626.989.

393  
 394 A claimant who violates this paragraph is not entitled to any  
 395 personal injury protection benefits or payment for any bills and  
 396 services, regardless of whether a portion of the claim may be  
 397 legitimate. However, a medical provider who does not violate  
 398 this paragraph may not be denied benefits solely due to a  
 399 violation by another claimant ~~that person has committed, by a~~  
 400 ~~material act or omission, any insurance fraud relating to~~  
 401 ~~personal injury protection coverage under his or her policy, if~~  
 402 ~~the fraud is admitted to in a sworn statement by the insured or~~  
 403 ~~if it is established in a court of competent jurisdiction. Any~~  
 404 ~~insurance fraud shall void all coverage arising from the claim~~  
 405 ~~related to such fraud under the personal injury protection~~  
 406 ~~coverage of the insured person who committed the fraud,~~  
 407 ~~irrespective of whether a portion of the insured person's claim~~  
 408 ~~may be legitimate, and any benefits paid prior to the discovery~~  
 409 ~~of the insured person's insurance fraud shall be recoverable by~~  
 410 ~~the insurer from the person who committed insurance fraud in~~  
 411 ~~their entirety. The prevailing party is entitled to its costs~~  
 412 ~~and attorney's fees in any action in which it prevails in an~~  
 413 ~~insurer's action to enforce its right of recovery under this~~  
 414 ~~paragraph.~~

415 (5) CHARGES FOR TREATMENT OF INJURED PERSONS.—

416 (a)~~1.~~ Any physician, hospital, clinic, or other person or  
 417 institution lawfully rendering treatment to an injured person  
 418 for a bodily injury covered by personal injury protection  
 419 insurance may charge the insurer and injured party only an a  
 420 ~~reasonable~~ amount pursuant to this section for the services and

421 supplies rendered, and the insurer providing such coverage may  
 422 pay for such charges directly to such person or institution  
 423 lawfully rendering such treatment, if the insured receiving such  
 424 treatment or his or her guardian has countersigned the properly  
 425 completed invoice, bill, or claim form approved by the office  
 426 upon which such charges are to be paid for as having actually  
 427 been rendered, to the best knowledge of the insured or his or  
 428 her guardian. ~~In no event,~~ However, ~~may~~ such a charge may not  
 429 exceed ~~be in excess of~~ the amount the person or institution  
 430 customarily charges for like services or supplies. When  
 431 determining ~~With respect to a determination of~~ whether a charge  
 432 for a particular service, treatment, or otherwise is reasonable,  
 433 consideration may be given to evidence of usual and customary  
 434 charges and payments accepted by the provider involved in the  
 435 dispute, ~~and~~ reimbursement levels in the community and various  
 436 federal and state medical fee schedules applicable to motor  
 437 vehicle ~~automobile~~ and other insurance coverages, and other  
 438 information relevant to the reasonableness of the reimbursement  
 439 for the service, treatment, or supply.

440 ~~1.2.~~ The insurer may limit reimbursement to 80 percent of  
 441 the following schedule of maximum charges:

442 a. For emergency transport and treatment by providers  
 443 licensed under chapter 401, 200 percent of Medicare.

444 b. For emergency services and care provided by a hospital  
 445 licensed under chapter 395, 75 percent of the hospital's usual  
 446 and customary charges.

447 c. For emergency services and care as defined by s.

448 395.002 ~~395.002(9)~~ provided in a facility licensed under chapter



449 395 rendered by a physician or dentist, and related hospital  
 450 inpatient services rendered by a physician or dentist, the usual  
 451 and customary charges in the community.

452 d. For hospital inpatient services, other than emergency  
 453 services and care, 200 percent of the Medicare Part A  
 454 prospective payment applicable to the specific hospital  
 455 providing the inpatient services.

456 e. For hospital outpatient services, other than emergency  
 457 services and care, 200 percent of the Medicare Part A Ambulatory  
 458 Payment Classification for the specific hospital providing the  
 459 outpatient services.

460 f. For all other medical services, supplies, and care,  
 461 including durable medical equipment, care, and services rendered  
 462 by a clinical laboratory, 200 percent of the allowable amount  
 463 under the participating physicians schedule of Medicare Part B.  
 464 However, if such services, supplies, or care is not reimbursable  
 465 under Medicare Part B, or if the care and services are rendered  
 466 in an ambulatory surgical center, the insurer may limit  
 467 reimbursement to 80 percent of the maximum reimbursable  
 468 allowance under workers' compensation, as determined under s.  
 469 440.13 and rules adopted thereunder which are in effect at the  
 470 time such services, supplies, or care is provided. Services,  
 471 supplies, or care that is not reimbursable under Medicare or  
 472 workers' compensation is not required to be reimbursed by the  
 473 insurer.

474 ~~2.3.~~ For purposes of subparagraph 1. 2., the applicable  
 475 fee schedule or payment limitation under Medicare is the fee  
 476 schedule or payment limitation in effect on January 1 of the

477 year in which ~~at the time~~ the services, supplies, or care was  
 478 rendered and for the area in which such services were rendered,  
 479 notwithstanding any subsequent changes made to such fee schedule  
 480 or payment limitation, except that it may not be less than the  
 481 allowable amount under the participating physicians schedule of  
 482 Medicare Part B for 2007 for medical services, supplies, and  
 483 care subject to Medicare Part B.

484 ~~3.4.~~ Subparagraph 1. ~~2.~~ does not allow the insurer to  
 485 apply any limitation on the number of treatments or other  
 486 utilization limits that apply under Medicare or workers'  
 487 compensation. An insurer that applies the allowable payment  
 488 limitations of subparagraph 1. ~~2.~~ must reimburse a provider who  
 489 lawfully provided care or treatment under the scope of his or  
 490 her license, regardless of whether such provider would be  
 491 entitled to reimbursement under Medicare due to restrictions or  
 492 limitations on the types or discipline of health care providers  
 493 who may be reimbursed for particular procedures or procedure  
 494 codes.

495 ~~4.5.~~ If an insurer limits payment as authorized by  
 496 subparagraph 1. ~~2.~~, the person providing such services,  
 497 supplies, or care may not bill or attempt to collect from the  
 498 insured any amount in excess of such limits, except for amounts  
 499 that are not covered by the insured's personal injury protection  
 500 coverage due to the coinsurance amount or maximum policy limits.

501 (7) MENTAL AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF INJURED PERSON;  
 502 REPORTS.—

503 (b) If requested by the person examined, a party causing  
 504 an examination to be made shall deliver to him or her a copy of

505 every written report concerning the examination rendered by an  
 506 examining physician, at least one of which reports must set out  
 507 the examining physician's findings and conclusions in detail.  
 508 After such request and delivery, the party causing the  
 509 examination to be made is entitled, upon request, to receive  
 510 from the person examined every written report available to him  
 511 or her or his or her representative concerning any examination,  
 512 previously or thereafter made, of the same mental or physical  
 513 condition. By requesting and obtaining a report of the  
 514 examination so ordered, or by taking the deposition of the  
 515 examiner, the person examined waives any privilege he or she may  
 516 have, in relation to the claim for benefits, regarding the  
 517 testimony of every other person who has examined, or may  
 518 thereafter examine, him or her in respect to the same mental or  
 519 physical condition. If a person unreasonably refuses to submit  
 520 to or fails to appear at an examination, the personal injury  
 521 protection carrier is no longer liable for subsequent personal  
 522 injury protection benefits. Refusal or failure to appear for two  
 523 examinations raises a rebuttable presumption that such refusal  
 524 or failure was unreasonable.

525 (8) APPLICABILITY OF PROVISION REGULATING ATTORNEY  
 526 ATTORNEY'S FEES.—

527 (a) With respect to any dispute under ~~the provisions of~~  
 528 ss. 627.730-627.7405 between the insured and the insurer, or  
 529 between an assignee of an insured's rights and the insurer, ~~the~~  
 530 ~~provisions of~~ s. 627.428 applies shall apply, except as provided  
 531 in paragraphs (b) and (c) and subsections (10) and (15) and  
 532 except that any attorney fees recovered are limited to the

533 lesser of \$200 per billable hour or:  
 534 1. For any disputed amount of less than \$500, 15 times any  
 535 disputed amount recovered by the attorney under ss. 627.730-  
 536 627.7405, limited to a total of \$5,000.  
 537 2. For any disputed amount of \$500 or more and less than  
 538 \$5,000, 10 times any disputed amount recovered by the attorney  
 539 under ss. 627.730-627.7405, limited to a total of \$10,000.  
 540 3. For any disputed amount of \$5,000 or more and up to  
 541 \$10,000, 5 times any disputed amount recovered by the attorney  
 542 under ss. 627.730-627.7405, limited to a total of \$15,000.  
 543  
 544 Fees incurred in litigating or quantifying the amount of fees  
 545 due to the prevailing party under ss. 627.730-627.7405 are not  
 546 recoverable.  
 547 (b) Notwithstanding s. 627.428, the attorney fees  
 548 recovered under ss. 627.730-627.7405 shall be calculated without  
 549 regard to any contingency risk multiplier.  
 550 (c) Attorney fees in a class action under ss. 627.730-  
 551 627.7405 are limited to the lesser of \$50,000 or 3 times the  
 552 total of any disputed amount recovered in the class action  
 553 proceeding.  
 554 (9) PREFERRED PROVIDERS.—An insurer may negotiate and  
 555 enter into contracts with preferred licensed health care  
 556 providers for the benefits described in this section, referred  
 557 to in this section as "preferred providers," which shall include  
 558 health care providers licensed under chapters 458, 459, 460,  
 559 461, and 466 463.  
 560 (a) The insurer may provide an option to an insured to use

561 a preferred provider at the time of purchase of the policy for  
 562 personal injury protection benefits, if the requirements of this  
 563 subsection are met. However, if the insurer offers a preferred  
 564 provider option, it must also offer a nonpreferred provider  
 565 policy ~~If the insured elects to use a provider who is not a~~  
 566 ~~preferred provider, whether the insured purchased a preferred~~  
 567 ~~provider policy or a nonpreferred provider policy, the medical~~  
 568 ~~benefits provided by the insurer shall be as required by this~~  
 569 ~~section.~~

570 (b) If the insured elects the ~~to use a provider who is a~~  
 571 ~~preferred provider option,~~ the insurer may pay medical benefits  
 572 in excess of the benefits required by this section and may waive  
 573 or lower the amount of any deductible that applies to such  
 574 medical benefits. As an alternative, or in addition to such  
 575 benefits, waiver, or reduction, the insurer may provide an  
 576 actuarially appropriate premium discount as specified in an  
 577 approved rate filing to an insured who selects the preferred  
 578 provider option. If the preferred provider option provides a  
 579 premium discount, the policy may provide that charges for  
 580 nonemergency services provided within this state are payable  
 581 only if performed by members of the preferred provider network  
 582 unless there is no member of the preferred provider network  
 583 located within 15 miles of the insured's place of residence  
 584 whose scope of practice includes the required services ~~If the~~  
 585 ~~insurer offers a preferred provider policy to a policyholder or~~  
 586 ~~applicant, it must also offer a nonpreferred provider policy.~~

587 (c) The insurer shall provide each insured ~~policyholder~~  
 588 with a current roster of preferred providers in the county in

589 | which the insured resides at the time of purchasing ~~purchase of~~  
 590 | such policy, and ~~shall~~ make such list available for public  
 591 | inspection during regular business hours at the principal office  
 592 | ~~of the insurer~~ within the state. The insurer may contract with  
 593 | another insurer for the right to use an existing preferred  
 594 | provider network to implement the preferred provider option. Any  
 595 | other arrangement is subject to the approval of the Office of  
 596 | Insurance Regulation.

597 |         Section 5. Subsection (9) is added to section 627.7407,  
 598 | Florida Statutes, to read:

599 |         627.7407 Application of the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault  
 600 | Law.—

601 |         (9) Sections 627.730-627.7405, the Florida Motor Vehicle  
 602 | No-Fault Law, and this section are repealed effective July 1,  
 603 | 2015, unless reviewed by the Legislature and reenacted prior to  
 604 | that date.

605 |         Section 6. The Office of Insurance Regulation shall  
 606 | perform a personal injury protection data call, with results  
 607 | published not later than 24 months after the effective date of  
 608 | this act. Elements of the data call shall include, but are not  
 609 | limited to, the number of personal injury protection claims  
 610 | filed, the number of independent medical examinations requested  
 611 | and completed, the number of examinations under oath requested  
 612 | and completed, and the number of denied claims.

613 |         Section 7. Notwithstanding section 627.0645, Florida  
 614 | Statutes, each insurer transacting motor vehicle insurance must,  
 615 | within 18 months after the effective date of this act, decrease  
 616 | rates through a "use and file" filing or make a full annual base

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617 rate filing with the Office of Insurance Regulation. An insurer  
618 may not be exempted from this requirement by certification of an  
619 existing rate level that is actuarially sound and not inadequate  
620 pursuant to s. 627.0645(3)(b), Florida Statutes.

621 Section 8. If any provision of this act or its application  
622 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity  
623 does not affect other provisions or applications of the act  
624 which can be given effect without the invalid provision or  
625 application, and to this end the provisions of this act are  
626 severable.

627 Section 9. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.