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An act relating to nurse registries; amending s. 400.506, F.S.; providing that a nurse registry must ensure that a certified nursing assistant referred for contract and a home health aide referred for contract provide certain credentials to the nurse registry; providing that a nurse registry must advise the patient, or person representing the patient, that a person referred for contract by the nurse registry is an independent contractor and that the nurse registry has no obligation to monitor, supervise, manage, or train a person referred for contract; providing that a person referred for contract by a nurse registry is an independent contractor and not an employee of the nurse registry; providing obligations of a nurse registry when the nurse registry has knowledge of a violation of law by a person referred for contract; providing that a nurse registry has no obligation to review or take action upon records that are required to be maintained by the nurse registry under this section; providing an exception; providing an effective date.

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Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section

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400.506, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

400.506 Licensure of nurse registries; requirements; penalties.—

- (6) (a) A nurse registry may refer for contract in private residences registered nurses and licensed practical nurses registered and licensed under part I of chapter 464, certified nursing assistants certified under part II of chapter 464, home health aides who present documented proof of successful completion of the training required by rule of the agency, and companions or homemakers for the purposes of providing those services authorized under s. 400.509(1). A licensed nurse registry shall ensure that each certified nursing assistant referred for contract by the nurse registry and each home health aide referred for contract by the nurse registry has presented credentials which demonstrate adequate training is adequately trained to perform the tasks of a home health aide in the home setting. Each person referred by a nurse registry must provide current documentation that he or she is free from communicable diseases.
- (d) When a person is referred for contract to a patient's home by a nurse registry, the nurse registry shall advise the patient, the patient's family, or any other person acting on behalf of the patient at the time the contract for services is made that the person referred for contract is an independent contractor and that the nurse registry has no obligation to monitor, supervise, manage, or train a person referred for

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(19) A person referred for contract by a nurse registry is an independent contractor and not an employee of the nurse registry. A nurse registry is not required to monitor, supervise, manage, or train persons referred for contract by the nurse registry. If a nurse registry has knowledge of a violation of law by a person referred for contract, the nurse registry shall advise the patient to terminate the referred person's contract, providing the reason for the suggested termination; cease referring the person; and notify the licensing board of any practice violations.

(20) A nurse registry has no obligation to review or take action upon records that are required to be maintained by the nurse registry under this section except as required in subsection (19).

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014.

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