

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2013 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/SB 1844 — Florida Health Choices Program

by Appropriations Committee and Health Policy Committee

The bill amends s. 408.910, F.S., and expands the current Florida Health Choices Program (FHCP) eligibility guidelines by modifying the participation criteria for individuals and employers as long as other program criteria are met. The bill also clarifies that products sold in the FHCP marketplace are not limited to those specifically listed or to risk-bearing products.

The bill provides Florida Health Choices Corporation (FHCC) more flexibility in setting open enrollment periods and removes product pricing guidelines that are in conflict with the provisions of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

The bill provides that any standard forms, website design, or marketing communication developed by the FHCC and used by the FHCC or any vendor is not subject to the Florida Insurance Code, as established under s. 624.01, F.S.

The bill provides the FHCC with an appropriation of \$900,000 of non-recurring general revenue for FY 2013-2014.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2013.

Vote: Senate 36-0; House 73-41