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A bill to be entitled An act relating to health care; amending s. 112.0455, F.S., and repealing paragraph (10)(e), relating to a prohibition against applying the Drug-Free Workplace Act retroactively; conforming a cross-reference; amending s. 381.00315, F.S.; directing the Department of Health to accept funds from counties, municipalities, and certain other entities for the purchase of certain products made available under a contract with the United States Department of Health and Human Services for the manufacture and delivery of such products in response to a public health emergency; amending s. 381.932, F.S.; revising certain criteria of the breast cancer early detection and treatment referral program by requiring that the public education and outreach initiative and professional education programs use guidelines currently employed by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention rather than the United States Preventive Services Task Force; amending s. 381.06015, F.S.; requiring the State Surgeon General to make certain resources and materials relating to umbilical cord blood available on the Internet website of the Department of Health; requiring the Department of Health to encourage certain health care professionals to make specified information available to patients; repealing s. 383.325, F.S., relating to the requirement of a licensed facility under s. 383.305, F.S., to maintain inspection reports; amending s. 395.1055, F.S., requiring Agency for Health

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a written contract between certain personnel and the agency; requiring a home health agency to provide certain services through its employees; authorizing a home health agency to provide additional services with another organization; providing responsibilities of a home health agency when it provides home health aide services through another organization; requiring the home health agency to coordinate personnel who provide home health services; requiring personnel to communicate with the home health agency; amending s. 400.487, F.S.; requiring a home health agency to provide a patient or the patient's legal representative a copy of the agreement between the agency and the patient which specifies the home health services to be provided; providing the rights that are protected by the home health agency; requiring the home health agency to furnish nursing services by or under the supervision of a registered nurse; requiring the home health agency to provide therapy services through a qualified therapist or therapy assistant; providing the duties and qualifications of a therapist and therapy assistant; requiring supervision by a physical therapist or occupational therapist of a physical therapist assistant or occupational therapy assistant; providing duties of a physical therapist assistant or occupational therapy assistant; providing for speech therapy services to be provided by a qualified speech-language pathologist or audiologist; providing for a plan of care; providing that only the staff of a home health agency may administer

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drugs and treatments as ordered by certain health professionals; providing requirements for verbal orders; providing duties of a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, home health aide, and certified nursing assistant who work for a home health agency; providing for supervisory visits of services provided by a home health agency; amending s. 400.9905, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "clinic" applicable to the Health Care Clinic Act; providing exemptions from licensure requirements for certain legal entities that provide health care services; repealing s. 408.802(11), F.S., relating to the applicability of the Health Care Licensing Procedures Act to private review agents; repealing s. 409.912(15)(e), (f), and (g), F.S., relating to a requirement for the Agency for Health Care Administration to submit a report to the Legislature regarding the operations of the CARE program; repealing s. 409.9122(13), F.S., relating to Medicaid managed prepaid plan minimum enrollment levels for plans operating in Miami-Dade County; amending s. 409.91255, F.S.; transferring administrative responsibility for the application procedure for federally qualified health centers from the Department of Health to the Agency for Health Care Administration; requiring the Florida Association of Community Health Centers, Inc., to provide support and assume administrative costs for the program; amending s. 429.075, F.S.; requiring certain assisted living facilities to maintain certain security services;

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repealing s. 429.12(2), F.S., relating to the sale or transfer of ownership of an assisted living facility; repealing s. 429.23(5), F.S., relating to each assisted living facility's requirement to submit a report to the agency regarding liability claims filed against it; repealing s. 429.911(2)(a), F.S., relating to an intentional or negligent act materially affecting the health or safety of center participants as grounds for which the agency may take action against the owner of an adult day care center or its operator or employee; requiring persons who apply for licensure renewal as a dentist or dental hygienist to furnish certain information to the Department of Health in a dental workforce survey; requiring the Board of Dentistry to issue a nondisciplinary citation and a notice for failure to complete the survey within a specified time; providing notification requirements for the citation; requiring the department to serve as the coordinating body for the purpose of collecting, disseminating, and updating dental workforce data; requiring the department to maintain a database regarding the state's dental workforce; requiring the department to develop strategies to maximize federal and state programs and to work with an advisory body to address matters relating to the state's dental workforce; providing membership of the advisory body; providing for members of the advisory body to serve without compensation; requiring the department to act as a clearinghouse for collecting and disseminating information

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regarding the dental workforce; requiring the department and the board to adopt rules; providing legislative intent regarding implementation of the act within existing resources; amending s. 499.01, F.S.; exempting certain persons from requirements for medical device manufacturer permits; authorizing certain business entities to pay for prescription drugs obtained by practitioners licensed under ch. 466, F.S.; amending s. 499.003, F.S.; defining the term "medical convenience kit" for purposes of the Florida Drug and Cosmetic Act; conforming crossreferences; amending ss. 409.9201, 465.0265, 499.0121, 499.01211, 499.03, 499.05, and 794.075, F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 624.91, F.S.; revising the membership of the board of directors of the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation to include a member nominated by the Florida Dental Association and appointed by the Governor; amending s. 381.0403, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to the program for graduate medical education innovations and the graduate medical education committee and report; conforming cross-references; amending s. 381.4018, F.S.; providing definitions; requiring the Department of Health to coordinate and enhance activities regarding the reentry of retired military and other physicians into the physician workforce; revising the list of governmental stakeholders that the department is required to work with regarding the state strategic plan and in assessing the state's physician workforce; creating the Physician Workforce Advisory Council; providing

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membership of the council; providing for appointments to the council; providing terms of membership; providing for removal of a council member; providing for a chair and vice chair of the council; providing that council members are not entitled to receive compensation or reimbursement for per diem or travel expenses; providing the duties of the council; establishing the physician workforce graduate medical education innovation pilot projects under the department; providing the purposes of the pilot projects; providing for the appropriation of state funds for the pilot projects; requiring the pilot projects to meet certain policy needs of the physician workforce in this state; providing criteria for prioritizing proposals for pilot projects; requiring the department to adopt by rule appropriate performance measures; requiring participating pilot projects to submit an annual report to the department; requiring state funds to be used to supplement funds from other sources; requiring the department to adopt rules; amending s. 400.9905, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "clinic"; amending ss. 458.3192 and 459.0082, F.S.; requiring the department to determine by geographic area and specialty the number of physicians and osteopathic physicians who plan to relocate outside the state, practice medicine in this state, and reduce or modify the scope of their practice; authorizing the department to report additional information in its findings to the Governor and the Legislature; amending s. 458.315, F.S.; revising the standards for the Board of

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Medicine to issue a temporary certificate to a certain physicians to practice medicine in areas of critical need; authorizing the State Surgeon General to designate areas of critical need; creating s. 459.0076, F.S.; authorizing the Board of Osteopathic Medicine to issue temporary certificates to osteopathic physicians who meet certain requirements to practice osteopathic medicine in areas of critical need; providing restrictions for issuance of a temporary certificate; authorizing the State Surgeon General to designate areas of critical need; authorizing the Board of Osteopathic Medicine to waive the application fee and licensure fees for obtaining temporary certificates for certain purposes; amending s. 499.01212, F.S.; exempting prescription drugs contained in sealed medical convenience kits from the pedigree paper requirements under specified circumstances; reenacting s. 465.0251, F.S., to require the Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Medicine to remove certain drugs from the negative formulary for generic and brand-name drugs based on current references published by the United States Food and Drug Administration; providing an effective date. Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (10) of section 112.0455, Florida Statutes, is repealed, and paragraph (e) of subsection (14) of that section is amended to read:

112.0455 Drug-Free Workplace Act.-

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- 225 (14) DISCIPLINE REMEDIES.—
 - (e) Upon resolving an appeal filed pursuant to paragraph(c), and finding a violation of this section, the commission may order the following relief:
 - 1. Rescind the disciplinary action, expunge related records from the personnel file of the employee or job applicant and reinstate the employee.
 - 2. Order compliance with paragraph (10)(f) $\frac{(g)}{(g)}$.
 - 3. Award back pay and benefits.
 - 4. Award the prevailing employee or job applicant the necessary costs of the appeal, reasonable attorney's fees, and expert witness fees.
 - Section 2. Subsection (3) is added to section 381.00315, Florida Statutes, to read:
 - 381.00315 Public health advisories; public health emergencies.—The State Health Officer is responsible for declaring public health emergencies and issuing public health advisories.
 - United States Department of Health and Human Services contracts for the manufacture and delivery of licensable products in response to a public health emergency and the terms of those contracts are made available to the states, the department shall accept funds provided by cities, counties, and other entities designated in the state emergency management plan required under s. 252.35(2)(a) for the purpose of participation in those contracts. The department shall deposit those funds in the Grants and Donations Trust Fund and expend those funds on behalf

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- of the donor city, county, or other entity for the purchase of the licensable products made available under the contract.
- Section 3. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (3) of section 381.932, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
 - 381.932 Breast cancer early detection and treatment referral program.—
 - (3) The program shall include, but not be limited to, the:
 - (a) Establishment of a public education and outreach initiative to publicize breast cancer early detection services, the benefits of early detection of breast cancer, and the recommended frequency for receiving screening services, including clinical breast examinations and mammography guidelines <a href="mailto:currently.cur
 - (b) Development of professional education programs that include information regarding the benefits of the early detection of breast cancer and the recommended frequency for receiving a mammogram, as recommended in the most current breast cancer screening guidelines <u>currently employed established</u> by the United States <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Preventive Services Task Force</u>.
 - Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 381.06015, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (8) is added to that section, to read:
 - 381.06015 Public Cord Blood Tissue Bank.-
- 279 (2) (a) The Agency for Health Care Administration and the 280 Department of Health shall encourage health care providers,

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including, but not limited to, hospitals, birthing facilities, county health departments, physicians, midwives, and nurses, to disseminate information about the Public Cord Blood Tissue Bank.

- (b) The State Surgeon General shall make publicly available, by posting on the Internet website of the Department of Health, resources and an Internet website link to materials relating to umbilical cord blood that have been developed by the Parent's Guide to Cord Blood Foundation.
- (8) Beginning October 1, 2010, the Department of Health shall encourage health care professionals who provide health care services that are directly related to a woman's pregnancy to make available to the patient before her third trimester of pregnancy, or, if later, at the first visit of such pregnant woman to the provider, information developed under paragraph (2) (b) relating to the woman's options with respect to umbilical cord blood banking.
- Section 5. <u>Section 383.325, Florida Statutes, is repealed.</u>
 Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section

 395.1055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 395.1055 Rules and enforcement.—
- (1) The agency shall adopt rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of this part, which shall include reasonable and fair minimum standards for ensuring that:
- (b) Infection control, housekeeping, sanitary conditions, and medical record procedures that will adequately protect patient care and safety are established and implemented.

 Infection control rules shall include a requirement to establish

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309 and implement a comprehensive plan to reduce health care associated infections. The plan must include all of the following components:

- 1. A baseline measurement of health care associated infections in the hospital that uses the National Healthcare Safety Network and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention surveillance definitions and reports the number of infections in each category relative to the volume of possible cases in the hospital.
- 2. A goal for reducing the incidence of infections by a specific amount within a defined period of time. The hospital's goal for reduction of infections must be commensurate with the national goal for reducing each type of health care associated infection.
- 3. An action plan for reducing each type of health care associated infection, including the use of real-time infection surveillance technology or automated infection control or prevention technology.
- 4. Methods for making information available to patients and the public regarding baseline measurements and periodic reports on the hospital's progress in improving measures designed to reduce health care associated infections.
- 331 Section 7. Section 395.1046, Florida Statutes, is 332 repealed.
- 333 Section 8. Section 395.3037, Florida Statutes, is 334 repealed.
- 335 Section 9. Paragraph (g) of subsection (2) of section 336 400.0239, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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337 400.0239 Quality of Long-Term Care Facility Improvement 338 Trust Fund.—

- (2) Expenditures from the trust fund shall be allowable for direct support of the following:
- (g) Other initiatives authorized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the use of federal civil monetary penalties, including projects recommended through the Medicaid "Up-or-Out" Quality of Care Contract Management Program pursuant to s. 400.148.
- Section 10. <u>Subsection (10) of section 400.147, Florida</u>

 Statutes, is repealed.
- 348 Section 11. <u>Section 400.148, Florida Statutes, is</u> repealed.
- Section 12. <u>Section 400.195, Florida Statutes, is</u> repealed.
- Section 13. Section 400.476, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 400.476 Staffing requirements; notifications; limitations on staffing services.—
 - (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—
 - (a) An administrator may manage only one home health agency, except that an administrator may manage up to five home health agencies if all five home health agencies have identical controlling interests as defined in s. 408.803 and are located within one agency geographic service area or within an immediately contiguous county. If the home health agency is licensed under this chapter and is part of a retirement community that provides multiple levels of care, an employee of

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the retirement community may administer the home health agency and up to a maximum of four entities licensed under this chapter or chapter 429 which all have identical controlling interests as defined in s. 408.803. An administrator shall designate, in writing, for each licensed entity, a qualified alternate administrator to serve during the administrator's absence. An alternate administrator must meet the requirements in this paragraph and s. 400.462(1).

- (b) An administrator of a home health agency who is a licensed physician, physician assistant, or registered nurse licensed to practice in this state may also be the director of nursing for a home health agency. An administrator may serve as a director of nursing for up to the number of entities authorized in subsection (2) only if there are 10 or fewer full-time equivalent employees and contracted personnel in each home health agency.
- (c) The administrator shall organize and direct the agency's ongoing functions, maintain an ongoing liaison with the board members and the staff, employ qualified personnel and ensure adequate staff education and evaluations, ensure the accuracy of public informational materials and activities, implement an effective budgeting and accounting system, and ensure that the home health agency operates in compliance with this part and part II of chapter 408 and rules adopted for these laws.
- (d) The administrator shall clearly set forth in writing the organizational chart, services furnished, administrative control authority, and lines of authority for the delegation of

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responsibilities for patient care. These responsibilities must be readily identifiable. Administrative and supervisory functions may not be delegated to another agency or organization, and the primary home health agency shall monitor and control all services that are not furnished directly, including services provided through contracts.

- (2) DIRECTOR OF NURSING.-
- (a) A director of nursing may be the director of nursing for:
- 1. Up to two licensed home health agencies if the agencies have identical controlling interests as defined in s. 408.803 and are located within one agency geographic service area or within an immediately contiguous county; or
 - 2. Up to five licensed home health agencies if:
- a. All of the home health agencies have identical controlling interests as defined in s. 408.803;
- b. All of the home health agencies are located within one agency geographic service area or within an immediately contiguous county; and
- c. Each home health agency has a registered nurse who meets the qualifications of a director of nursing and who has a written delegation from the director of nursing to serve as the director of nursing for that home health agency when the director of nursing is not present; and.
- d. This person, or a similarly qualified alternate, is available at all times by telecommunications during operating hours and participates.

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If a home health agency licensed under this chapter is part of a retirement community that provides multiple levels of care, an employee of the retirement community may serve as the director of nursing of the home health agency and up to a maximum of four entities, other than home health agencies, licensed under this chapter or chapter 429 which all have identical controlling interests as defined in s. 408.803.

A home health agency that provides skilled nursing care may not operate for more than 30 calendar days without a director of nursing. A home health agency that provides skilled nursing care and the director of nursing of a home health agency must notify the agency within 10 business days after termination of the services of the director of nursing for the home health agency. A home health agency that provides skilled nursing care must notify the agency of the identity and qualifications of the new director of nursing within 10 days after the new director is hired. If a home health agency that provides skilled nursing care operates for more than 30 calendar days without a director of nursing, the home health agency commits a class II deficiency. In addition to the fine for a class II deficiency, the agency may issue a moratorium in accordance with s. 408.814 or revoke the license. The agency shall fine a home health agency that fails to notify the agency as required in this paragraph \$1,000 for the first violation and \$2,000 for a repeat violation. The agency may not take administrative action against a home health agency if the director of nursing fails to notify the department upon termination of services as the director of nursing for the home health agency.

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- (c) A home health agency that is not Medicare or Medicaid certified and does not provide skilled care or provides only physical, occupational, or speech therapy is not required to have a director of nursing and is exempt from paragraph (b).
- (3) TRAINING.—A home health agency shall ensure that each certified nursing assistant employed by or under contract with the home health agency and each home health aide employed by or under contract with the home health agency is adequately trained to perform the tasks of a home health aide in the home setting.
- (a) The home health agency may not use as a home health aide on a full-time, temporary, per diem, or other basis any individual to provide services unless the individual has completed a training and competency evaluation program, or a competency evaluation program, as permitted in s. 400.497, which meets the minimum standards established by the agency in state rules.
- which he or she is evaluated as "unsatisfactory." The aide must perform any such task only under direct supervision by a licensed nurse until he or she receives training in the task and satisfactorily passes a subsequent evaluation in performing the task. A home health aide has not successfully passed a competency evaluation if the aide does not have a passing score on the test as specified by agency rule.
- (4) STAFFING.—Staffing services may be provided anywhere within the state.
 - (5) PERSONNEL.-
 - (a) The home health agency and its staff must comply with

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accepted professional standards and principles that apply to professionals, including, but not limited to, the state practice acts and the home health agency's policies and procedures.

- (b) Except for direct employees of the home health agency, if personnel under hourly or per-visit contracts are used by the home health agency, there must be a written contract between those personnel and the agency which specifies the following requirements:
- 1. Acceptance for care only of patients by the primary home health agency.
 - 2. The services to be furnished.
- 3. The necessity to conform to all applicable agency policies, including personnel qualifications.
- 4. The responsibility for participating in developing plans of care.
- 5. The manner in which services are controlled, coordinated, and evaluated by the primary home health agency.
- 6. The procedures for submitting clinical and progress notes, scheduling visits, and providing periodic patient evaluations.
- 7. The procedures for payment for services furnished under the contract.
- (c) A home health agency shall directly provide at least one of the types of authorized services through home health agency employees, but may provide additional services under arrangements with another agency or organization. Services furnished under such arrangements must have a written contract conforming to the requirements specified in paragraph (b).

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- (d) If home health aide services are provided by an individual who is not employed directly by the home health agency, the services of the home health aide must be provided under arrangements as stated in paragraphs (b) and (c). If the home health agency chooses to provide home health aide services under arrangements with another organization, the responsibilities of the home health agency include, but are not limited to:
- 1. Ensuring the overall quality of the care provided by the aide.
- 2. Supervising the aide's services as described in s. 400.487.
- 3. Ensuring that each home health aide providing services under arrangements with another organization has met the training requirements or competency evaluation requirements of s. 400.497.
- (e) The home health agency shall coordinate the efforts of all personnel furnishing services, and the personnel shall maintain communication with the home health agency to ensure that personnel efforts support the objectives outlined in the plan of care. The clinical record or minutes of case conferences shall ensure that effective interchange, reporting, and coordination of patient care occurs.
- Section 14. Section 400.487, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 400.487 Home health service agreements; physician's, physician assistant's, and advanced registered nurse practitioner's treatment orders; patient assessment;

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establishment and review of plan of care; provision of services; orders not to resuscitate.—

- covered by an agreement between the home health agency must be covered by an agreement between the home health agency and the patient or the patient's legal representative specifying the home health services to be provided, the rates or charges for services paid with private funds, and the sources of payment, which may include Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, personal funds, or a combination thereof. The home health agency shall provide a copy of the agreement to the patient or the patient's legal representative. A home health agency providing skilled care must make an assessment of the patient's needs within 48 hours after the start of services.
- (2) When required by the provisions of chapter 464; part I, part III, or part V of chapter 468; or chapter 486, the attending physician, physician assistant, or advanced registered nurse practitioner, acting within his or her respective scope of practice, shall establish treatment orders for a patient who is to receive skilled care. The treatment orders must be signed by the physician, physician assistant, or advanced registered nurse practitioner before a claim for payment for the skilled services is submitted by the home health agency. If the claim is submitted to a managed care organization, the treatment orders must be signed within the time allowed under the provider agreement. The treatment orders shall be reviewed, as frequently as the patient's illness requires, by the physician, physician assistant, or advanced registered nurse practitioner in consultation with the home health agency.

- (3) A home health agency shall arrange for supervisory visits by a registered nurse to the home of a patient receiving home health aide services as specified in subsection (9) in accordance with the patient's direction, approval, and agreement to pay the charge for the visits.
- (4) The home health agency shall protect and promote the rights of each individual under its care, including each of the following rights:
- (a) Notice of rights.—The home health agency shall provide the patient with a written notice of the patient's rights in advance of furnishing care to the patient or during the initial evaluation visit before the initiation of treatment. The home health agency must maintain documentation showing that it has complied with the requirements of this section.
- (b) Exercise of rights and respect for property and person.—
- 1. The patient has the right to exercise his or her rights as a patient of the home health agency.
- 2. The patient has the right to have his or her property treated with respect.
- 3. The patient has the right to voice grievances regarding treatment or care that is or fails to be furnished, or regarding the lack of respect for property by anyone who is furnishing services on behalf of the home health agency, and not be subjected to discrimination or reprisal for doing so.
- 4. The home health agency must investigate complaints made by a patient or the patient's family or guardian regarding treatment or care that is or fails to be furnished or regarding

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the lack of respect for the patient's property by anyone furnishing services on behalf of the home health agency. The home health agency shall document the existence of the complaint and its resolution.

- 5. The patient and his or her immediate family or representative must be informed of the right to report complaints via the statewide toll-free telephone number to the agency as required in s. 408.810.
- (c) Right to be informed and to participate in planning care and treatment.—
- 1. The patient has the right to be informed, in advance, about the care to be furnished and of any changes in the care to be furnished. The home health agency shall advise the patient in advance of which disciplines will furnish care and the frequency of visits proposed to be furnished. The home health agency must advise the patient in advance of any change in the plan of care before the change is made.
- 2. The patient has the right to participate in the planning of the care. The home health agency must advise the patient in advance of the right to participate in planning the care or treatment and in planning changes in the care or treatment. Each patient has the right to be informed of and to participate in the planning of his or her care. Each patient must be provided, upon request, a copy of the plan of care established and maintained for that patient by the home health agency.
- (5) When nursing services are ordered, the home health agency to which a patient has been admitted for care must

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provide the initial admission visit, all service evaluation visits, and the discharge visit by a direct employee. Services provided by others under contractual arrangements to a home health agency must be monitored and managed by the admitting home health agency. The admitting home health agency is fully responsible for ensuring that all care provided through its employees or contract staff is delivered in accordance with this part and applicable rules.

- (6) The skilled care services provided by a home health agency, directly or under contract, must be supervised and coordinated in accordance with the plan of care. The home health agency shall furnish skilled nursing services by or under the supervision of a registered nurse and in accordance with the plan of care. Any therapy services offered directly or under arrangement by the home health agency must be provided by a qualified therapist or by a qualified therapy assistant under the supervision of a qualified therapist and in accordance with the plan of care.
- (a) Physical therapy services.-Physical therapy services shall be furnished only by or under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist or licensed physical therapist assistant as required under chapter 486 and related applicable rules. A physical therapist assistant shall perform services planned, delegated, and supervised by the physical therapist, assist in preparing clinical notes and progress reports, participate in educating the patient and his or her family, and participate in in-service programs. This paragraph does not limit the services provided by a physician licensed under

chapter 458 or chapter 459.

- (b) Occupational therapy services.—Occupational therapy services shall be furnished only by or under the supervision of a licensed occupational therapist or occupational therapy assistant as provided under part III of chapter 468 and related applicable rules. An occupational therapy assistant shall perform any services planned, delegated, and supervised by an occupational therapist, assist in preparing clinical notes and progress reports, participate in educating the patient and his or her family, and participate in in-service programs. This paragraph does not limit the services provided by a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459.
- (c) Speech therapy services.—Speech therapy services shall be furnished only by or under supervision of a qualified speech—language pathologist or audiologist as required in part I of chapter 468 and applicable rules.
- (d) Care follows a written plan of care.—The plan of care shall be reviewed by the physician or health professional who provided the treatment orders pursuant to subsection (2) and home health agency personnel as often as the severity of the patient's condition requires, but at least once every 60 days or more when there is a patient-elected transfer, a significant change in condition, or a discharge and return to the same home health agency during the 60-day episode. Professional staff of a home health agency shall promptly alert the physician or other health professional who provided the treatment orders of any change that suggests a need to alter the plan of care.
 - (e) Administration of drugs and treatment.—Only

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professional staff of a home health agency may administer drugs and treatments as ordered by the physician or health professional pursuant to subsection (2), with the exception of influenza and pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccines, which may be administered according to the policy of the home health agency developed in consultation with a physician and after an assessment for contraindications. Verbal orders shall be in writing and signed and dated with the date of receipt by the registered nurse or qualified therapist who is responsible for furnishing or supervising the ordered service. A verbal order may be accepted only by personnel who are authorized to do so by applicable state laws, rules, and internal policies of the home health agency.

evaluation visit, regularly reevaluate the patient's nursing needs, initiate the plan of care and necessary revisions, furnish those services requiring substantial and specialized nursing skill, initiate appropriate preventive and rehabilitative nursing procedures, prepare clinical and progress notes, coordinate services, inform the physician and other personnel of changes in the patient's condition and needs, counsel the patient and his or her family in meeting nursing and related needs, participate in in-service programs, and supervise and teach other nursing personnel, unless the home health agency providing the home health aide services is not Medicarecertified or Medicaid-certified and does not provide skilled care or the patient is not receiving skilled care.

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(8) A licensed practical nurse shall furnish services in

accordance with agency policies, prepare clinical and progress notes, assist the physician and registered nurse in performing specialized procedures, prepare equipment and materials for treatments observing aseptic technique as required, and assist the patient in learning appropriate self-care techniques.

- (9) A home health aide and certified nursing assistant shall provide services that are in the service provision plan provided in s. 400.491 and other services that the home health aide or certified nursing assistant is permitted to perform under state law. The duties of a home health aide or certified nursing assistant include the provision of hands-on personal care, performance of simple procedures as an extension of therapy or nursing services, assistance in ambulation or exercises, and assistance in administering medications that are ordinarily self-administered and are specified in agency rules. Any services by a home health aide which are offered by a home health agency must be provided by a qualified home health aide or certified nursing assistant.
- (a) Assignment and duties.—A home health aide or certified nursing assistant shall be assigned to a specific patient by a registered nurse, unless the home health agency providing the home health aide services is not Medicare-certified or Medicaid-certified and does not provide skilled care or the patient is not receiving skilled care. Written patient care instructions for the home health aide and certified nursing assistant must be prepared by the registered nurse or other appropriate professional who is responsible for the supervision of the home health aide and certified nursing assistant as stated in this

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- (b) Supervision.—If a patient receives skilled nursing care, the registered nurse shall perform the supervisory visit.

 If the patient is not receiving skilled nursing care but is receiving physical therapy, occupational therapy, or speech-language pathology services, the appropriate therapist may provide the supervision. A registered nurse or other professional must make an onsite visit to the patient's home at least once every 2 weeks. The visit is not required while the aide is providing care.
- Supervisory visits.—If home health aide services are provided to a patient who is not receiving skilled nursing care, physical or occupational therapy, or speech-language pathology services, a registered nurse must make a supervisory visit to the patient's home at least once every 60 days, unless the home health agency providing the home health aide services is not Medicare-certified or Medicaid-certified and does not provide skilled care, either directly or through contracts. The registered nurse shall ensure that the aide is properly caring for the patient and each supervisory visit must occur while the home health aide is providing patient care. In addition to the requirements in this subsection, a home health agency shall arrange for additional supervisory visits by a registered nurse to the home of a patient receiving home health aide services in accordance with the patient's direction, approval, and agreement to pay the charge for the visits.
- $\underline{(10)}$ (7) Home health agency personnel may withhold or withdraw cardiopulmonary resuscitation if presented with an

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order not to resuscitate executed pursuant to s. 401.45. The agency shall adopt rules providing for the implementation of such orders. Home health personnel and agencies shall not be subject to criminal prosecution or civil liability, nor be considered to have engaged in negligent or unprofessional conduct, for withholding or withdrawing cardiopulmonary resuscitation pursuant to such an order and rules adopted by the agency.

Section 15. Paragraphs (f) and (g) of subsection (4) of section 400.9905, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

400.9905 Definitions.-

- (4) "Clinic" means an entity at which health care services are provided to individuals and which tenders charges for reimbursement for such services, including a mobile clinic and a portable equipment provider. For purposes of this part, the term does not include and the licensure requirements of this part do not apply to:
- (f) A sole proprietorship, group practice, partnership, or corporation, or other legal entity that provides health care services by practitioners licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 461, chapter 466, or chapter 460 and subject to the limitations of s. 460.4167 physicians covered by s. 627.419, that is directly supervised by one or more of such physicians or physician assistants, and that is wholly owned by one or more of those physicians or physician assistants or by a physician or physician assistant or and the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of that physician or physician assistant. A certificate of exemption is valid only for the entity, persons, and location

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for which it was originally issued.

- 1. An individual who is not a medical professional or family member listed in this paragraph may own up to 30 percent of a health care clinic entity that is exempt under this paragraph if the individual obtains prior approval from the agency for ownership of a percentage of a health care clinic.

 Such an individual is considered an "applicant" under s.

 400.991(5) and must meet all the requirements of that section and the level 2 background screening requirements of s. 408.809 before being approved by the agency for ownership of a minority interest in a health care clinic.
- 2. If an individual who is not a medical professional or family member listed in this paragraph assumes ownership of an investment interest in a health care clinic without the prior approval of the agency, the health care clinic shall lose its exemption from licensure under this paragraph.
- 3. Ownership of a health care clinic by an individual other than the physician or physician assistant, or by the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of the physician or physician assistant to whom the exemption was granted, may not exceed 30 percent.
- (g) A sole proprietorship, group practice, partnership, or corporation that provides health care services by licensed health care practitioners under chapter 457, chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, chapter 462, chapter 463, chapter 466, chapter 467, chapter 480, chapter 484, chapter 486, chapter 490, chapter 491, or part I, part III, part X, part XIII, or part XIV of chapter 468, or s. 464.012, which are

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813 wholly owned by one or more licensed health care practitioners, 814 or the licensed health care practitioners set forth in this 815 paragraph and the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a 816 licensed health care practitioner, so long as one of the owners 817 who is a licensed health care practitioner is directly supervising health care services the business activities and is 818 819 legally responsible for the entity's compliance with all federal 820 and state laws. However, a health care practitioner who is a 821 supervising owner may not supervise services beyond the scope of 822 the practitioner's license, except that, for the purposes of 823 this part, a clinic owned by a licensee in s. 456.053(3)(b) that 824 provides only services authorized pursuant to s. 456.053(3)(b) may be supervised by a licensee specified in s. 456.053(3)(b). A 825 826 certificate of exemption is valid only for the entity, persons, and location for which it was originally issued. 827 828 Section 16. Subsection (11) of section 408.802, Florida 829 Statutes, is repealed. 830 Paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) of subsection Section 17. 831 (15) of section 409.912, Florida Statutes, are repealed. 832 Section 18. Subsection (13) of section 409.9122, Florida 833 Statutes, is repealed. 834 Section 19. Section 409.91255, Florida Statutes, is 835 amended to read: 836 409.91255 Federally qualified health center access 837 program.-SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the 838 839 "Community Health Center Access Program Act."

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LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.-

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- (a) The Legislature finds that, despite significant investments in health care programs, nearly 6 more than 2 million low-income Floridians, primarily the working poor and minority populations, continue to lack access to basic health care services. Further, the Legislature recognizes that federally qualified health centers have a proven record of providing cost-effective, comprehensive primary and preventive health care and are uniquely qualified to address the lack of adequate health care services for the uninsured.
- (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to recognize the significance of increased federal investments in federally qualified health centers and to leverage that investment through the creation of a program to provide for the expansion of the primary and preventive health care services offered by federally qualified health centers. Further, such a program will support the coordination of federal, state, and local resources to assist such health centers in developing an expanded community-based primary care delivery system.
- (3) ASSISTANCE TO FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS.—The agency shall administer Department of Health shall develop a program for the expansion of federally qualified health centers for the purpose of providing comprehensive primary and preventive health care and urgent care services that may reduce the morbidity, mortality, and cost of care among the uninsured population of the state. The program shall provide for distribution of financial assistance to federally qualified health centers that apply and demonstrate a need for such assistance in order to sustain or expand the delivery of primary

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and preventive health care services. In selecting centers to receive this financial assistance, the program:

- (a) Shall give preference to communities that have few or no community-based primary care services or in which the current services are unable to meet the community's needs. To assist in the assessment and identification of areas of critical need, a federally qualified health-center-based statewide assessment and strategic plan shall be developed by the Florida Association of Community Health Centers, Inc., every 5 years, beginning January 1, 2011.
- (b) Shall require that primary care services be provided to the medically indigent using a sliding fee schedule based on income.
- (c) Shall <u>promote</u> allow innovative and creative uses of federal, state, and local health care resources.
- (d) Shall require that the funds provided be used to pay for operating costs of a projected expansion in patient caseloads or services or for capital improvement projects. Capital improvement projects may include renovations to existing facilities or construction of new facilities, provided that an expansion in patient caseloads or services to a new patient population will occur as a result of the capital expenditures. The agency department shall include in its standard contract document a requirement that any state funds provided for the purchase of or improvements to real property are contingent upon the contractor granting to the state a security interest in the property at least to the amount of the state funds provided for at least 5 years from the date of purchase or the completion of

the improvements or as further required by law. The contract must include a provision that, as a condition of receipt of state funding for this purpose, the contractor agrees that, if it disposes of the property before the agency's department's interest is vacated, the contractor will refund the proportionate share of the state's initial investment, as adjusted by depreciation.

- (e) Shall May require in-kind support from other sources.
- (f) <u>Shall promote</u> <u>May encourage</u> coordination among federally qualified health centers, other private sector providers, and publicly supported programs.
- (g) Shall <u>promote</u> allow the development of community emergency room diversion programs in conjunction with local resources, providing extended hours of operation to urgent care patients. Diversion programs shall include case management for emergency room followup care.
- established, consisting of four persons appointed by the Secretary of Health Care Administration State Surgeon General and three persons appointed by the chief executive officer of the Florida Association of Community Health Centers, Inc., to review all applications for financial assistance under the program. Applicants shall specify in the application whether the program funds will be used for the expansion of patient caseloads or services or for capital improvement projects to expand and improve patient facilities. The panel shall use the following elements in reviewing application proposals and shall determine the relative weight for scoring and evaluating these

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- (a) The target population to be served.
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- (c) The methods that will be used to measure cost-effectiveness.
 - (d) How patient satisfaction will be measured.
 - (e) The proposed internal quality assurance process.
 - (f) Projected health status outcomes.
- (g) How data will be collected to measure costeffectiveness, health status outcomes, and overall achievement of the goals of the proposal.
- (h) All resources, including cash, in-kind, voluntary, or other resources that will be dedicated to the proposal.
- shall Department of Health may contract with the Florida
 Association of Community Health Centers, Inc., to develop and coordinate administer the program and provide technical assistance to the federally qualified health centers selected to receive financial assistance. The contracted entity shall be responsible for program support and assume all costs related to administration of this program.
- Section 20. Subsection (2) of section 429.075, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 429.075 Limited mental health license.—An assisted living facility that serves three or more mental health residents must obtain a limited mental health license.
- (2) Facilities licensed to provide services to mental health residents shall provide appropriate supervision and

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953 staffing to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of such 954 residents. Assisted living facilities within an area zoned for 955 residential use in a municipality having a population of more 956 than 400,000, which house persons identified as being part of a 957 priority population that includes adult and adolescent residents 958 who have severe and persistent mental illness, as described in 959 s. 394.674, must maintain 24-hour security services provided by 960 uniformed security personnel licensed under part III of chapter 961 493.

- Section 21. <u>Subsection (2) of section 429.12, Florida</u>
 Statutes, is repealed.
- Section 22. <u>Subsection (5) of section 429.23, Florida</u>
 Statutes, is repealed.
- Section 23. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 429.911, Florida Statutes, is repealed.
 - Section 24. Dental workforce survey.-
- (1) Beginning in 2012, each person who applies for licensure renewal as a dentist or dental hygienist under chapter 466, Florida Statutes, must, in conjunction with the renewal of such license under procedures and forms adopted by the Board of Dentistry and in addition to any other information that may be required from the applicant, furnish the following information to the Department of Health, working in conjunction with the board, in a dental workforce survey:
 - (a) Licensee information, including, but not limited to:
- 1. The name of the dental school or dental hygiene program that the dentist or dental hygienist graduated from and the year of graduation.

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- 3. The geographic location of the dentist's or dental hygienist's practice or address within the state.
 - 4. For a dentist in private practice:
- a. The number of full-time dental hygienists employed by the dentist during the reporting period.
- b. The number of full-time dental assistants employed by the dentist during the reporting period.
- c. The average number of patients treated per week by the dentist during the reporting period.
 - d. The settings where the dental care was delivered.
- 5. Anticipated plans of the dentist to change the status of his or her license or practice.
 - 6. The dentist's areas of specialty or certification.
- 7. The year that the dentist completed a specialty program recognized by the American Dental Association.
 - 8. For a hygienist:
- a. The average number of patients treated per week by the hygienist during the reporting period.
 - b. The settings where the dental care was delivered.
- 9. The dentist's memberships in professional organizations.
- 10. The number of pro bono hours provided by the dentist or dental hygienist during the last biennium.
- (b) Information concerning the availability and trends
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- 1. Dental care to children having special needs.
- 2. Geriatric dental care.
- 1012 3. Dental services in emergency departments.
- 1013 4. Medicaid services.
- 1014 <u>5. Other critically needed specialty areas, as determined</u> 1015 <u>by the advisory body.</u>
 - (2) In addition to the completed survey, the dentist or dental hygienist must submit a statement that the information provided is true and accurate to the best of his or her knowledge and belief.
 - (3) Beginning in 2012, renewal of a license by a dentist or dental hygienist licensed under chapter 466, Florida

 Statutes, is not contingent upon the completion and submission of the dental workforce survey; however, for any subsequent license renewal, the board may not renew the license of any dentist or dental hygienist until the survey required under this section is completed and submitted by the licensee.
 - (4) (a) Beginning in 2012, the Board of Dentistry shall issue a nondisciplinary citation to any dentist or dental hygienist licensed under chapter 466, Florida Statutes, who fails to complete the survey within 90 days after the renewal of his or her license to practice as a dentist or dental hygienist.
 - (b) The citation must notify a dentist or dental hygienist who fails to complete the survey required by this section that his or her license will not be renewed for any subsequent license renewal unless the dentist or dental hygienist completes the survey.

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- 1037 (c) In conjunction with issuing the license renewal notice 1038 required by s. 456.038, Florida Statutes, the board shall notify 1039 each dentist or dental hygienist licensed under chapter 466, 1040 Florida Statutes, who fails to complete the survey that the 1041 survey must be completed before the subsequent license renewal. 1042 Section 25. (1) The Department of Health shall serve as 1043 the coordinating body for the purpose of collecting and 1044 regularly updating and disseminating dental workforce data. The 1045 department shall work with multiple stakeholders, including the Florida Dental Association and the Florida Dental Hygiene 1046 1047 Association, to assess and share with all communities of 1048 interest all data collected in a timely fashion. 1049 (2) The Department of Health shall maintain a current database to serve as a statewide source of data concerning the 1050 dental workforce. The department, in conjunction with the Board 1051 1052 of Dentistry, shall also: 1053 Develop strategies to maximize federal and state (a) 1054 programs that provide incentives for dentists to practice in 1055 shortage areas that are federally designated. Strategies shall 1056 include programs such as the Florida Health Services Corps 1057 established under s. 381.0302, Florida Statutes. 1058 Work in conjunction with an advisory body to address 1059
 - matters relating to the state's dental workforce. The advisory body shall provide input on developing questions for the dentist workforce survey. The advisory body shall include, but need not be limited to, the State Surgeon General or his or her designee, the dean of each dental school accredited in the United States and based in this state or his or her designee, a representative

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| Board of Dentistry, and a dentist from each of the dental |
| specialties recognized by the American Dental Association's |
| Commission on Dental Accreditation. Members of the advisory body |
| shall serve without compensation. |

- (c) Act as a clearinghouse for collecting and disseminating information concerning the dental workforce.
- (3) The Department of Health and the Board of Dentistry shall adopt rules necessary to administer this section.

Section 26. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Health and the Board of Dentistry implement the provisions of sections 16 through 20 of this act within existing resources.

Section 27. Paragraphs (q) and (t) of subsection (2) of section 499.01, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

499.01 Permits.-

- (2) The following permits are established:
- (q) Device manufacturer permit.-
- 1. A device manufacturer permit is required for any person that engages in the manufacture, repackaging, or assembly of medical devices for human use in this state, except that a permit is not required if:
- a. The person manufactures, repackages, or assembles only those medical devices or components for such devices which are exempt from registration pursuant to s. 499.015(8); or
- <u>b.</u> The person is engaged only in manufacturing, repackaging, or assembling a medical device pursuant to a

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practitioner's order for a specific patient.

- 2.1. A manufacturer or repackager of medical devices in this state must comply with all appropriate state and federal good manufacturing practices and quality system rules.
- 3.2. The department shall adopt rules related to storage, handling, and recordkeeping requirements for manufacturers of medical devices for human use.
- January 1, 2009, a health care clinic establishment permit.—Effective January 1, 2009, a health care clinic establishment permit is required for the purchase of a prescription drug by a place of business at one general physical location that provides health care or veterinary services, which is owned and operated by a business entity that has been issued a federal employer tax identification number. For the purpose of this paragraph, the term "qualifying practitioner" means a licensed health care practitioner defined in s. 456.001, or a veterinarian licensed under chapter 474, who is authorized under the appropriate practice act to prescribe and administer a prescription drug.
- 1. An establishment must provide, as part of the application required under s. 499.012, designation of a qualifying practitioner who will be responsible for complying with all legal and regulatory requirements related to the purchase, recordkeeping, storage, and handling of the prescription drugs. In addition, the designated qualifying practitioner shall be the practitioner whose name, establishment address, and license number is used on all distribution documents for prescription drugs purchased or returned by the health care clinic establishment. Upon initial appointment of a

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- qualifying practitioner, the qualifying practitioner and the health care clinic establishment shall notify the department on a form furnished by the department within 10 days after such employment. In addition, the qualifying practitioner and health care clinic establishment shall notify the department within 10 days after any subsequent change.
- 2. The health care clinic establishment must employ a qualifying practitioner at each establishment.
- 3. In addition to the remedies and penalties provided in this part, a violation of this chapter by the health care clinic establishment or qualifying practitioner constitutes grounds for discipline of the qualifying practitioner by the appropriate regulatory board.
- 4. The purchase of prescription drugs by the health care clinic establishment is prohibited during any period of time when the establishment does not comply with this paragraph.
- 5. A health care clinic establishment permit is not a pharmacy permit or otherwise subject to chapter 465. A health care clinic establishment that meets the criteria of a modified Class II institutional pharmacy under s. 465.019 is not eligible to be permitted under this paragraph.
- 6. This paragraph does not apply to the purchase of a prescription drug by a licensed practitioner under his or her license. A professional corporation or limited liability company composed of dentists and operating as authorized in s. 466.0285 may pay for prescription drugs obtained by a practitioner licensed under chapter 466, and the licensed practitioner is deemed the purchaser and owner of the prescription drugs.

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Section 28. Subsections (32) through (54) of section
499.003, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (33)
through (55), respectively, present subsection (42) is amended,
and a new subsection (32) is added to that section, to read:
499.003 Definitions of terms used in this part.—As used in
this part, the term:

- (32) "Medical convenience kit" means a package or unit that contains combination products as described in 21 C.F.R. s. 3.2(e)(2).
- <u>(43)</u> (42) "Prescription drug" means a prescription, medicinal, or legend drug, including, but not limited to, finished dosage forms or active ingredients subject to, defined by, or described by s. 503 (b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act or s. 465.003 (8), s. 499.007 (13), or subsection (11), subsection $\underline{(46)}$ (45), or subsection $\underline{(53)}$ (52).

Section 29. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 409.9201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

409.9201 Medicaid fraud.-

- (1) As used in this section, the term:
- (a) "Prescription drug" means any drug, including, but not limited to, finished dosage forms or active ingredients that are subject to, defined by, or described by s. 503(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act or by s. 465.003(8), s.

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The value of individual items of the legend drugs or goods or services involved in distinct transactions committed during a single scheme or course of conduct, whether involving a single

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person or several persons, may be aggregated when determining the punishment for the offense.

Section 30. Subsection (3) of section 465.0265, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

465.0265 Centralized prescription filling.-

(3) The filling, delivery, and return of a prescription by one pharmacy for another pursuant to this section shall not be construed as the filling of a transferred prescription as set forth in s. 465.026 or as a wholesale distribution as set forth in s. 499.003(54)(53).

Section 31. Paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section 499.0121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

499.0121 Storage and handling of prescription drugs; recordkeeping.—The department shall adopt rules to implement this section as necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. Such rules shall include, but not be limited to, requirements for the storage and handling of prescription drugs and for the establishment and maintenance of prescription drug distribution records.

- (4) EXAMINATION OF MATERIALS AND RECORDS.-
- (d) Upon receipt, a wholesale distributor must review records required under this section for the acquisition of prescription drugs for accuracy and completeness, considering the total facts and circumstances surrounding the transactions and the wholesale distributors involved. This includes authenticating each transaction listed on a pedigree paper, as defined in s. 499.003(37)(36).

Section 32. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) of

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section 499.01211, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
499.01211 Drug Wholesale Distributor Advisory Council.—

- (2) The State Surgeon General, or his or her designee, and the Secretary of Health Care Administration, or her or his designee, shall be members of the council. The State Surgeon General shall appoint nine additional members to the council who shall be appointed to a term of 4 years each, as follows:
- (a) Three different persons each of whom is employed by a different prescription drug wholesale distributor licensed under this part which operates nationally and is a primary wholesale distributor, as defined in s. $499.003(47)\frac{(46)}{(46)}$.
- (b) One person employed by a prescription drug wholesale distributor licensed under this part which is a secondary wholesale distributor, as defined in s. 499.003(52)(51).
- Section 33. Subsection (1) of section 499.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 499.03 Possession of certain drugs without prescriptions unlawful; exemptions and exceptions.—
- (1) A person may not possess, or possess with intent to sell, dispense, or deliver, any habit-forming, toxic, harmful, or new drug subject to s. 499.003(33)(32), or prescription drug as defined in s. 499.003(43)(42), unless the possession of the drug has been obtained by a valid prescription of a practitioner licensed by law to prescribe the drug. However, this section does not apply to the delivery of such drugs to persons included in any of the classes named in this subsection, or to the agents or employees of such persons, for use in the usual course of their businesses or practices or in the performance of their

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official duties, as the case may be; nor does this section apply to the possession of such drugs by those persons or their agents or employees for such use:

- (a) A licensed pharmacist or any person under the licensed pharmacist's supervision while acting within the scope of the licensed pharmacist's practice;
- (b) A licensed practitioner authorized by law to prescribe prescription drugs or any person under the licensed practitioner's supervision while acting within the scope of the licensed practitioner's practice;
- (c) A qualified person who uses prescription drugs for lawful research, teaching, or testing, and not for resale;
- (d) A licensed hospital or other institution that procures such drugs for lawful administration or dispensing by practitioners;
- (e) An officer or employee of a federal, state, or local government; or
- (f) A person that holds a valid permit issued by the department pursuant to this part which authorizes that person to possess prescription drugs.
- Section 34. Paragraphs (i) and (m) of subsection (1) of section 499.05, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
 - 499.05 Rules.-
- (1) The department shall adopt rules to implement and enforce this part with respect to:
- (i) Additional conditions that qualify as an emergency medical reason under s. $499.003(54)\frac{(53)}{(53)}(b)2$.
 - (m) The recordkeeping, storage, and handling with respect

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to each of the distributions of prescription drugs specified in (53) (a) - (d).

Section 35. Subsection (1) of section 794.075, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

794.075 Sexual predators; erectile dysfunction drugs.-

(1) A person may not possess a prescription drug, as defined in s. $499.003\underline{(43)}\underline{(42)}$, for the purpose of treating erectile dysfunction if the person is designated as a sexual predator under s. 775.21.

Section 36. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section 624.91, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

624.91 The Florida Healthy Kids Corporation Act.-

- (6) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.-
- (a) The Florida Healthy Kids Corporation shall operate subject to the supervision and approval of a board of directors chaired by the Chief Financial Officer or her or his designee, and composed of $\underline{12}$ $\underline{11}$ other members selected for 3-year terms of office as follows:
- 1. The Secretary of Health Care Administration, or his or her designee.
- 2. One member appointed by the Commissioner of Education from the Office of School Health Programs of the Florida Department of Education.
- 3. One member appointed by the Chief Financial Officer from among three members nominated by the Florida Pediatric Society.
- 4. One member, appointed by the Governor, who represents the Children's Medical Services Program.

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- 5. One member appointed by the Chief Financial Officer from among three members nominated by the Florida Hospital Association.
 - 6. One member, appointed by the Governor, who is an expert on child health policy.
- 7. One member, appointed by the Chief Financial Officer, from among three members nominated by the Florida Academy of Family Physicians.
 - 8. One member, appointed by the Governor, who represents the state Medicaid program.
 - 9. One member, appointed by the Chief Financial Officer, from among three members nominated by the Florida Association of Counties.
 - 10. The State Health Officer or her or his designee.
 - 11. The Secretary of Children and Family Services, or his or her designee.
 - 12. One member, appointed by the Governor, from among three members nominated by the Florida Dental Association.
 - Section 37. Section 381.0403, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 1309 381.0403 The Community Hospital Education Act.
- 1310 (1) SHORT TITLE.—This section shall be known and cited as
 1311 "The Community Hospital Education Act."
 - (2) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.-
- 1313 (a) It is the intent of the Legislature that health care
 1314 services for the citizens of this state be upgraded and that a
 1315 program for continuing these services be maintained through a
 1316 plan for community medical education. The program is intended to

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provide additional outpatient and inpatient services, a continuing supply of highly trained physicians, and graduate medical education.

- (b) The Legislature further acknowledges the critical need for increased numbers of primary care physicians to provide the necessary current and projected health and medical services. In order to meet both present and anticipated needs, the Legislature supports an expansion in the number of family practice residency positions. The Legislature intends that the funding for graduate education in family practice be maintained and that funding for all primary care specialties be provided at a minimum of \$10,000 per resident per year. Should funding for this act remain constant or be reduced, it is intended that all programs funded by this act be maintained or reduced proportionately.
- (3) PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY HOSPITAL EDUCATION; STATE AND LOCAL PLANNING.—
- (a) There is established under the Department of Health a program for statewide graduate medical education. It is intended that continuing graduate medical education programs for interns and residents be established on a statewide basis. The program shall provide financial support for primary care specialty interns and residents based on policies recommended and approved by the Community Hospital Education Council, herein established, and the Department of Health. Only those programs with at least three residents or interns in each year of the training program are qualified to apply for financial support. Programs with fewer than three residents or interns per training year are

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qualified to apply for financial support, but only if the appropriate accrediting entity for the particular specialty has approved the program for fewer positions. Programs added after fiscal year 1997-1998 shall have 5 years to attain the requisite number of residents or interns. When feasible and to the extent allowed through the General Appropriations Act, state funds shall be used to generate federal matching funds under Medicaid, or other federal programs, and the resulting combined state and federal funds shall be allocated to participating hospitals for the support of graduate medical education. The department may spend up to \$75,000 of the state appropriation for administrative costs associated with the production of the annual report as specified in subsection (9), and for administration of the program.

- (b) For the purposes of this section, primary care specialties include emergency medicine, family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, obstetrics/gynecology, and combined pediatrics and internal medicine, and other primary care specialties as may be included by the council and Department of Health.
- (c) Medical institutions throughout the state may apply to the Community Hospital Education Council for grants-in-aid for financial support of their approved programs. Recommendations for funding of approved programs shall be forwarded to the Department of Health.
- (d) The program shall provide a plan for community clinical teaching and training with the cooperation of the medical profession, hospitals, and clinics. The plan shall also

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include formal teaching opportunities for intern and resident training. In addition, the plan shall establish an off-campus medical faculty with university faculty review to be located throughout the state in local communities.

- (4) PROGRAM FOR GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION INNOVATIONS .-
- (a) There is established under the Department of Health a program for fostering graduate medical education innovations. Funds appropriated annually by the Legislature for this purpose shall be distributed to participating hospitals or consortia of participating hospitals and Florida medical schools or to a Florida medical school for the direct costs of providing graduate medical education in community-based clinical settings on a competitive grant or formula basis to achieve state health care workforce policy objectives, including, but not limited to:
- 1. Increasing the number of residents in primary care and other high demand specialties or fellowships;
- 2. Enhancing retention of primary care physicians in Florida practice;
- 3. Promoting practice in medically underserved areas of the state;
- 4. Encouraging racial and ethnic diversity within the state's physician workforce; and
 - 5. Encouraging increased production of geriatricians.
- (b) Participating hospitals or consortia of participating hospitals and Florida medical schools or a Florida medical school providing graduate medical education in community-based clinical settings may apply to the Community Hospital Education Council for funding under this innovations program, except when

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such innovations directly compete with services or programs provided by participating hospitals or consortia of participating hospitals, or by both hospitals and consortia. Innovations program funding shall provide funding based on policies recommended and approved by the Community Hospital Education Council and the Department of Health.

- (c) Participating hospitals or consortia of participating hospitals and Florida medical schools or Florida medical schools awarded an innovations grant shall provide the Community Hospital Education Council and Department of Health with an annual report on their project.
- (4)(5) FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCIES.—In addition to the programs established in subsection (3), the Community Hospital Education Council and the Department of Health shall establish an ongoing statewide program of family practice residencies. The administration of this program shall be in the manner described in this section.
 - (5) (6) COUNCIL AND DIRECTOR.
- (a) There is established the Community Hospital Education Council, hereinafter referred to as the council, which shall consist of 11 members, as follows:
- 1. Seven members must be program directors of accredited graduate medical education programs or practicing physicians who have faculty appointments in accredited graduate medical education programs. Six of these members must be board certified or board eligible in family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, emergency medicine, obstetrics-gynecology, and psychiatry, respectively, and licensed pursuant to chapter 458.

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No more than one of these members may be appointed from any one specialty. One member must be licensed pursuant to chapter 459.

- 2. One member must be a representative of the administration of a hospital with an approved community hospital medical education program;
- 3. One member must be the dean of a medical school in this state; and
 - 4. Two members must be consumer representatives.

- All of the members shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of 4 years each.
- (b) Council membership shall cease when a member's representative status no longer exists. Members of similar representative status shall be appointed to replace retiring or resigning members of the council.
- (c) The State Surgeon General shall designate an administrator to serve as staff director. The council shall elect a chair from among its membership. Such other personnel as may be necessary to carry out the program shall be employed as authorized by the Department of Health.
 - (6) $\frac{(7)}{(7)}$ DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; STANDARDS.
- (a) The Department of Health, with recommendations from the council, shall establish standards and policies for the use and expenditure of graduate medical education funds appropriated pursuant to subsection (7) (8) for a program of community hospital education. The Department of Health shall establish requirements for hospitals to be qualified for participation in the program which shall include, but not be limited to:

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- 1457 Submission of an educational plan and a training schedule.
 - 2. A determination by the council to ascertain that each portion of the program of the hospital provides a high degree of academic excellence and is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education of the American Medical Association or is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association.
 - Supervision of the educational program of the hospital by a physician who is not the hospital administrator.
 - The Department of Health shall periodically review the educational program provided by a participating hospital to assure that the program includes a reasonable amount of both formal and practical training and that the formal sessions are presented as scheduled in the plan submitted by each hospital.
 - In years that funds are transferred to the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of Health shall certify to the Agency for Health Care Administration on a quarterly basis the number of primary care specialty residents and interns at each of the participating hospitals for which the Community Hospital Education Council and the department recommends funding.
 - (7) (8) MATCHING FUNDS.—State funds shall be used to match funds from any local governmental or hospital source. The state shall provide up to 50 percent of the funds, and the community hospital medical education program shall provide the remainder. However, except for fixed capital outlay, the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any program authorized under the

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provisions of subsection (5) for the first 3 years after such program is in operation.

(9) ANNUAL REPORT ON CRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION; COMMITTEE. The Executive Office of the Governor, the Department of Health, and the Agency for Health Care Administration shall collaborate to establish a committee that shall produce annual report on graduate medical education. be comprised of 11 members: five members shall be deans of the medical schools or their designees; the Governor shall appoint two members, one of whom must be a representative of the Florida Medical Association who has supervised or currently supervises residents or interns and one of whom must be a representative of the Florida Hospital Association; the Secretary of Health Care Administration shall appoint two members, one of whom must be a representative of a statutory teaching hospital and one of whom must be a physician who has supervised or is currently supervising residents or interns; and the State Surgeon General shall appoint two members, one of whom must be a representative of a statutory family practice teaching hospital and one of whom must be a physician who has supervised or is currently supervising residents or interns. With the exception of the deans, members shall serve 4-year terms. In order to stagger the terms, the Governor's appointees shall serve initial terms of 4 years, the State Surgeon General's appointees shall serve initial terms of 3 years, and the Secretary of Health Care Administration's appointees shall serve initial terms of 2 years. A member's term shall be deemed terminated when the member's representative status no longer exists. Once the

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| 1513 | committee is appointed, it shall elect a chair to serve for a 1- |
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| 1514 | year term. The report shall be provided to the Governor, the |
| 1515 | President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of |
| 1516 | Representatives by January 15 annually. Committee members shall |
| 1517 | serve without compensation. The report shall address the |
| 1518 | following: |
| 1519 | (a) The role of residents and medical faculty in the |
| 1520 | provision of health care. |
| 1521 | (b) The relationship of graduate medical education to the |
| 1522 | state's physician workforce. |
| 1523 | $	ext{(c)}$ The costs of training medical residents for hospitals, |
| 1524 | medical schools, teaching hospitals, including all hospital- |
| 1525 | medical affiliations, practice plans at all of the medical |
| 1526 | schools, and municipalities. |
| 1527 | (d) The availability and adequacy of all sources of |
| 1528 | revenue to support graduate medical education and recommend |
| 1529 | alternative sources of funding for graduate medical education. |
| 1530 | (e) The use of state and federal appropriated funds for |
| 1531 | graduate medical education by hospitals receiving such funds. |
| 1532 | (9) (10) RULEMAKING.—The department has authority to adopt |
| 1533 | rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the |
| 1534 | provisions of this section. |
| 1535 | Section 38. Section 381.4018, Florida Statutes, is amended |
| 1536 | to read: |
| 1537 | 381.4018 Physician workforce assessment and development.— |
| 1538 | (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term: |
| 1539 | (a) "Consortium" or "consortia" means a combination of |

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statutory teaching hospitals, specialty children's hospitals,

statutory rural hospitals, other hospitals, accredited medical schools, clinics operated by the department, clinics operated by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, area health education centers, community health centers, federally qualified health centers, prison clinics, local community clinics, or other programs. At least one member of the consortium shall be a sponsoring institution accredited or currently seeking accreditation by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or the American Osteopathic Association.

- (b) "Council" means the Physician Workforce Advisory Council.
 - (c) "Department" means the Department of Health.
- (d) "Graduate medical education program" means a program

 accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical

 Education or the American Osteopathic Association.
- (e) "Primary care specialty" means emergency medicine, family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, psychiatry, geriatrics, general surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, and combined pediatrics and internal medicine and other specialties as determined by the Physician Workforce Advisory Council or the Department of Health.
- (2)(1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.—The Legislature recognizes that physician workforce planning is an essential component of ensuring that there is an adequate and appropriate supply of well-trained physicians to meet this state's future health care service needs as the general population and elderly population of the state increase. The Legislature finds that items to consider relative to assessing the physician workforce may

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include physician practice status; specialty mix; geographic distribution; demographic information, including, but not limited to, age, gender, race, and cultural considerations; and needs of current or projected medically underserved areas in the state. Long-term strategic planning is essential as the period from the time a medical student enters medical school to completion of graduate medical education may range from 7 to 10 years or longer. The Legislature recognizes that strategies to provide for a well-trained supply of physicians must include ensuring the availability and capacity of quality graduate medical schools and graduate medical education programs in this state, as well as using new or existing state and federal programs providing incentives for physicians to practice in needed specialties and in underserved areas in a manner that addresses projected needs for physician manpower.

(3)(2) PURPOSE.—The department of Health shall serve as a coordinating and strategic planning body to actively assess the state's current and future physician workforce needs and work with multiple stakeholders to develop strategies and alternatives to address current and projected physician workforce needs.

(4)(3) GENERAL FUNCTIONS.—The department shall maximize the use of existing programs under the jurisdiction of the department and other state agencies and coordinate governmental and nongovernmental stakeholders and resources in order to develop a state strategic plan and assess the implementation of such strategic plan. In developing the state strategic plan, the department shall:

- (a) Monitor, evaluate, and report on the supply and distribution of physicians licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459. The department shall maintain a database to serve as a statewide source of data concerning the physician workforce.
- (b) Develop a model and quantify, on an ongoing basis, the adequacy of the state's current and future physician workforce as reliable data becomes available. Such model must take into account demographics, physician practice status, place of education and training, generational changes, population growth, economic indicators, and issues concerning the "pipeline" into medical education.
- (c) Develop and recommend strategies to determine whether the number of qualified medical school applicants who might become competent, practicing physicians in this state will be sufficient to meet the capacity of the state's medical schools. If appropriate, the department shall, working with representatives of appropriate governmental and nongovernmental entities, develop strategies and recommendations and identify best practice programs that introduce health care as a profession and strengthen skills needed for medical school admission for elementary, middle, and high school students, and improve premedical education at the precollege and college level in order to increase this state's potential pool of medical students.
- (d) Develop strategies to ensure that the number of graduates from the state's public and private allopathic and osteopathic medical schools <u>is</u> are adequate to meet physician workforce needs, based on the analysis of the physician

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workforce data, so as to provide a high-quality medical education to students in a manner that recognizes the uniqueness of each new and existing medical school in this state.

- Pursue strategies and policies to create, expand, and maintain graduate medical education positions in the state based on the analysis of the physician workforce data. Such strategies and policies must take into account the effect of federal funding limitations on the expansion and creation of positions in graduate medical education. The department shall develop options to address such federal funding limitations. The department shall consider options to provide direct state funding for graduate medical education positions in a manner that addresses requirements and needs relative to accreditation of graduate medical education programs. The department shall consider funding residency positions as a means of addressing needed physician specialty areas, rural areas having a shortage of physicians, and areas of ongoing critical need, and as a means of addressing the state's physician workforce needs based on an ongoing analysis of physician workforce data.
- (f) Develop strategies to maximize federal and state programs that provide for the use of incentives to attract physicians to this state or retain physicians within the state. Such strategies should explore and maximize federal-state partnerships that provide incentives for physicians to practice in federally designated shortage areas. Strategies shall also consider the use of state programs, such as the Florida Health Service Corps established pursuant to s. 381.0302 and the Medical Education Reimbursement and Loan Repayment Program

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pursuant to s. 1009.65, which provide for education loan repayment or loan forgiveness and provide monetary incentives for physicians to relocate to underserved areas of the state.

- physician workforce needs, undergraduate medical education, and graduate medical education, and reentry of retired military and other physicians into the physician workforce provided by the Division of Medical Quality Assurance, the Community Hospital Education Program and the Graduate Medical Education Committee established pursuant to s. 381.0403, area health education center networks established pursuant to s. 381.0402, and other offices and programs within the department of Health as designated by the State Surgeon General.
- (h) Work in conjunction with and act as a coordinating body for governmental and nongovernmental stakeholders to address matters relating to the state's physician workforce assessment and development for the purpose of ensuring an adequate supply of well-trained physicians to meet the state's future needs. Such governmental stakeholders shall include, but need not be limited to, the State Surgeon General or his or her designee, the Commissioner of Education or his or her designee, the Secretary of Health Care Administration or his or her designee, and the Chancellor of the State University System or his or her designee from the Board of Governors of the State University System, and, at the discretion of the department, other representatives of state and local agencies that are involved in assessing, educating, or training the state's current or future physicians. Other stakeholders shall include,

but need not be limited to, organizations representing the state's public and private allopathic and osteopathic medical schools; organizations representing hospitals and other institutions providing health care, particularly those that currently provide or have an interest in providing accredited medical education and graduate medical education to medical students and medical residents; organizations representing allopathic and osteopathic practicing physicians; and, at the discretion of the department, representatives of other organizations or entities involved in assessing, educating, or training the state's current or future physicians.

- (i) Serve as a liaison with other states and federal agencies and programs in order to enhance resources available to the state's physician workforce and medical education continuum.
- (j) Act as a clearinghouse for collecting and disseminating information concerning the physician workforce and medical education continuum in this state.
- in the department the Physician Workforce Advisory Council, an advisory council as defined in s. 20.03. The council shall comply with the requirements of s. 20.052, except as otherwise provided in this section.
- (a) The council shall consist of 19 members. Members appointed by the State Surgeon General shall include:
- 1. A designee from the department who is a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 and recommended by the State Surgeon General.
 - 2. An individual who is affiliated with the Science

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- 1709 Students Together Reaching Instructional Diversity and
 1710 Excellence program and recommended by the area health education
 1711 center network.
 - 3. Two individuals who are recommended by the Council of Florida Medical School Deans, one who represents a college of allopathic medicine and one who represents a college of osteopathic medicine.
 - 4. One individual who is recommended by the Florida

 Hospital Association and represents a hospital that is licensed
 under chapter 395, has an accredited graduate medical education
 program, and is not a statutory teaching hospital.
 - 5. One individual who represents a statutory teaching hospital as defined in s. 408.07 and is recommended by the Safety Net Hospital Alliance.
 - 6. One individual who represents a family practice teaching hospital as defined in s. 395.805 and is recommended by the Council of Family Medicine and Community Teaching Hospitals.
 - 7. Two individuals who are recommended by the Florida

 Medical Association, one who represents a primary care specialty
 and one who represents a nonprimary care specialty.
 - 8. Two individuals who are recommended by the Florida
 Osteopathic Medical Association, one who represents a primary
 care specialty and one who represents a nonprimary care
 specialty.
- 9. Two individuals who are program directors of accredited graduate medical education programs, one who represents a program that is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education and one who represents a program that

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| 1737 | is accredited by the American Osteopathic Association. |
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| 1738 | 10. An individual who is recommended by the Florida |
| 1739 | Association of Community Health Centers and represents a |
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| 1741 | defined in s. 381.0406(2)(a). |
| 1742 | 11. An individual who is recommended by the Florida |
| 1743 | Academy of Family Physicians. |
| 1744 | 12. An individual who is recommended by the Florida |
| 1745 | Alliance for Health Professions Diversity. |
| 1746 | 13. The Chancellor of the State University System or his |
| 1747 | or her designee. |
| 1748 | 14. A layperson member as determined by the State Surgeon |
| 1749 | General. |
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| 1751 | Each entity authorized to make recommendations under this |
| 1752 | subsection shall make at least two recommendations to the State |
| 1753 | Surgeon General for each appointment to the council. The State |
| 1754 | Surgeon General shall name one appointee for each position from |
| 1755 | the recommendations made by each authorized entity. |
| 1756 | (b) Each council member shall be appointed to a 4-year |
| 1757 | term. An individual may not serve more than two terms. Any |
| 1758 | council member may be removed from office for malfeasance, |
| 1759 | misfeasance, neglect of duty, incompetence, permanent inability |
| 1760 | to perform official duties, or pleading guilty or nolo |
| 1761 | contendere to, or being found guilty of, a felony. Any council |
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office, shall be succeeded by an individual chosen by the State

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| Surgeon General to serve out the remainder of the council |
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| member's term. If the remainder of the replaced council member's |
| term is less than 18 months, notwithstanding the provisions of |
| this paragraph, the succeeding council member may be reappointed |
| twice by the State Surgeon General. |

- (c) The chair of the council is the State Surgeon General, who shall designate a vice chair from the membership of the council to serve in the absence of the State Surgeon General. A vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.
- (d) Council members are not entitled to receive compensation or reimbursement for per diem or travel expenses.
- (e) The council shall meet at least twice a year in person or by teleconference.
 - (f) The council shall:
- 1. Advise the State Surgeon General and the department on matters concerning current and future physician workforce needs in this state;
- 2. Review survey materials and the compilation of survey information;
- 3. Annually review the number, location, cost, and reimbursement of graduate medical education programs and positions;
- 4. Provide recommendations to the department regarding the survey completed by physicians licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459;
- 1791 <u>5. Assist the department in preparing the annual report to</u> 1792 the Legislature pursuant to ss. 458.3192 and 459.0082;

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- 6. Assist the department in preparing an initial strategic plan, conduct ongoing strategic planning in accordance with this section, and provide ongoing advice on implementing the recommendations;
- 7. Monitor and provide recommendations regarding the need for an increased number of primary care or other physician specialties to provide the necessary current and projected health and medical services for the state; and
- 8. Monitor and make recommendations regarding the status of the needs relating to graduate medical education in this state.
- (6) PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION INNOVATION PILOT PROJECTS.—
 - (a) The Legislature finds that:
- 1. In order to ensure a physician workforce that is adequate to meet the needs of this state's residents and its health care system, policymakers must consider the education and training of future generations of well-trained health care providers.
- 2. Physicians are likely to practice in the state where they complete their graduate medical education.
- 3. It can directly affect the makeup of the physician workforce by selectively funding graduate medical education programs to provide needed specialists in geographic areas of the state that have a deficient number of such specialists.
- 4. Developing additional positions in graduate medical education programs is essential to the future of this state's health care system.

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- 5. It was necessary in 2007 to pass legislation that provided for an assessment of the status of this state's current and future physician workforce. The department is collecting and analyzing information on an ongoing basis to assess this state's physician workforce needs, and such assessment may facilitate the determination of graduate medical education needs and strategies for the state.
- There is established under the department a program to foster innovative graduate medical education pilot projects that are designed to promote the expansion of graduate medical education programs or positions to prepare physicians to practice in needed specialties and underserved areas or settings and to provide demographic and cultural representation in a manner that addresses current and projected needs for this state's physician workforce. Funds appropriated annually by the Legislature for this purpose shall be distributed to participating hospitals, medical schools, other sponsors of graduate medical education programs, consortia engaged in developing new graduate medical education programs or positions in those programs, or pilot projects providing innovative graduate medical education in community-based clinical settings. Pilot projects shall be selected on a competitive grant basis, subject to available funds.
- (c) Pilot projects shall be designed to meet one or more of this state's physician workforce needs, as determined pursuant to this section, including, but not limited to:
- 1. Increasing the number of residencies or fellowships in primary care or other needed specialties.

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- 2. Enhancing the retention of primary care physicians or other needed specialties in this state.
 - 3. Promoting practice in rural or medically underserved areas of the state.
 - 4. Encouraging racial and ethnic diversity within the state's physician workforce.
 - 5. Encouraging practice in community health care or other ambulatory care settings.
 - 6. Encouraging practice in clinics operated by the department, including, but not limited to, county health departments, clinics operated by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, prison clinics, or similar settings of need.
 - 7. Encouraging the increased production of geriatricians.
 - (d) Priority shall be given to a proposal for a pilot project that:
 - 1. Demonstrates a collaboration of federal, state, and local entities that are public or private.
 - 2. Obtains funding from multiple sources.
 - 3. Focuses on enhancing graduate medical education in rural or underserved areas.
 - 4. Focuses on enhancing graduate medical education in ambulatory or community-based settings other than a hospital environment.
 - 5. Includes the use of technology, such as electronic medical records, distance consultation, and telemedicine, to ensure that residents are better prepared to care for patients in this state, regardless of the community in which the residents practice.

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- 1877 <u>6. Is designed to meet multiple policy needs as enumerated</u>
 1878 in subsection (4).
 - 7. Uses a consortium to provide for graduate medical education experiences.
 - (e) The department shall adopt by rule appropriate performance measures to use in order to consistently evaluate the effectiveness, safety, and quality of the programs, as well as the impact of each program on meeting this state's physician workforce needs.
 - (f) Participating pilot projects shall submit to the department an annual report on the project in a manner required by the department.
 - (g) Funding provided to a pilot project may be used only for the direct costs of providing graduate medical education.

 Accounting of such costs and expenditures shall be documented in the annual report.
 - (h) State funds shall be used to supplement funds from any local government, community, or private source. The state may provide up to 50 percent of the funds, and local governmental grants or community or private sources shall provide the remainder of the funds.
 - (7) RULEMAKING.—The department shall adopt rules as necessary to administer this section.
 - Section 39. Paragraph (1) of subsection (4) of section 400.9905, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 400.9905 Definitions.-
- 1903 (4) "Clinic" means an entity at which health care services 1904 are provided to individuals and which tenders charges for

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reimbursement for such services, including a mobile clinic and a portable equipment provider. For purposes of this part, the term does not include and the licensure requirements of this part do not apply to:

(1) Orthotic, or prosthetic, pediatric cardiology, or perinatology clinical facilities that are a publicly traded corporation or that are wholly owned, directly or indirectly, by a publicly traded corporation. As used in this paragraph, a publicly traded corporation is a corporation that issues securities traded on an exchange registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission as a national securities exchange.

Section 40. Section 458.3192, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

458.3192 Analysis of survey results; report.-

- (1) Each year, the Department of Health shall analyze the results of the physician survey required by s. 458.3191 and determine by geographic area and specialty the number of physicians who:
 - (a) Perform deliveries of children in this state Florida.
- (b) Read mammograms and perform breast-imaging-guided procedures in this state Florida.
- (c) Perform emergency care on an on-call basis for a hospital emergency department.
- (d) Plan to reduce or increase emergency on-call hours in a hospital emergency department.
- (e) Plan to relocate their allopathic or osteopathic practice outside the state.

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- (g) Plan to reduce or modify the scope of their practice.
- (2) The Department of Health must report its findings to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by November 1 each year. The department shall also include in its report findings, recommendations, and strategic planning activities as provided in s. 381.4018. The department may also include other information requested by the Physician Workforce Advisory Council.
- Section 41. Section 459.0082, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 459.0082 Analysis of survey results; report.-
- (1) Each year, the Department of Health shall analyze the results of the physician survey required by s. 459.0081 and determine by geographic area and specialty the number of physicians who:
 - (a) Perform deliveries of children in this state Florida.
- (b) Read mammograms and perform breast-imaging-guided procedures in this state Florida.
- (c) Perform emergency care on an on-call basis for a hospital emergency department.
- (d) Plan to reduce or increase emergency on-call hours in a hospital emergency department.
- (e) Plan to relocate their allopathic or osteopathic practice outside the state.
 - (f) Practice medicine in this state.
 - (g) Plan to reduce or modify the scope of their practice.

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- 1961 The Department of Health must report its findings to 1962 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of 1963 the House of Representatives by November 1 each year. The 1964 department shall also include in its report findings, 1965 recommendations, and strategic planning activities as provided 1966 in s. 381.4018. The department may also include other 1967 information requested by the Physician Workforce Advisory 1968 Council.
- Section 42. Section 458.315, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
- 1971 458.315 Temporary certificate for practice in areas of 1972 critical need.—
- 1973 (1) Any physician who:

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- 1974 (a) Is licensed to practice in any <u>jurisdiction in the</u>
 1975 United States and other state, whose license is currently valid;
 1976 or,
- 1977 (b) Has served as a physician in the United States Armed

 1978 Forces for at least 10 years and received an honorable discharge

 1979 from the military;

and who pays an application fee of \$300 may be issued a temporary certificate <u>for</u> to practice in <u>areas of</u> communities of Florida where there is a critical need for physicians.

- (2) A certificate may be issued to a physician who:
- (a) Practices in an area of critical need;
- 1986 (b) Will be employed by or practice in a county health
 1987 department, correctional facility, Department of Veterans'
 1988 Affairs clinic, community health center funded by s. 329, s.

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- 330, or s. 340 of the United States Public Health Services Act, or other agency or institution that is approved by the State Surgeon General and provides health care to meet the needs of underserved populations in this state; or
- (c) Will practice for a limited time to address critical physician-specialty, demographic, or geographic needs for this state's physician workforce as determined by the State Surgeon General entity that provides health care to indigents and that is approved by the State Health Officer.
- (3) The Board of Medicine may issue this temporary certificate with the following restrictions:
- (a) (1) The State Surgeon General board shall determine the areas of critical need, and the physician so certified may practice in any of those areas for a time to be determined by the board. Such areas shall include, but are not be limited to, health professional shortage areas designated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- 1.(a) A recipient of a temporary certificate for practice in areas of critical need may use the certificate license to work for any approved entity employer in any area of critical need or as authorized by the State Surgeon General approved by the board.
- $\frac{2.(b)}{(b)}$ The recipient of a temporary certificate for practice in areas of critical need shall, within 30 days after accepting employment, notify the board of all approved institutions in which the licensee practices and of all approved institutions where practice privileges have been denied.
 - (b) (2) The board may administer an abbreviated oral

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2017 examination to determine the physician's competency, but a no written regular examination is not required necessary. Within 60 2018 2019 days after receipt of an application for a temporary 2020 certificate, the board shall review the application and issue 2021 the temporary certificate, or notify the applicant of denial, or 2022 notify the applicant that the board recommends additional 2023 assessment, training, education, or other requirements as a 2024 condition of certification. If the applicant has not actively 2025 practiced during the prior 3 years and the board determines that the applicant may lack clinical competency, possess diminished 2026 2027 or inadequate skills, lack necessary medical knowledge, or 2028 exhibit patterns of deficits in clinical decisionmaking, the 2029 board may:

- 1. Deny the application;
- 2. Issue a temporary certificate with reasonable restrictions that may include, but are not limited to, a requirement for the applicant to practice under the supervision of a physician approved by the board; or
- 3. Issue a temporary certificate upon receipt of documentation confirming that the applicant has met any reasonable conditions of the board which may include, but are not limited to, completing continuing education or undergoing an assessment of skills and training.
- (c) (3) Any certificate issued under this section is shall be valid only so long as the State Surgeon General determines that the reason area for which it was is issued remains a an area of critical need to the state. The Board of Medicine shall review each temporary certificateholder the service within said

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area not less than annually to ascertain that the minimum requirements of the Medical Practice Act and its adopted the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder are being complied with. If it is determined that such minimum requirements are not being met, the board shall forthwith revoke such certificate or shall impose restrictions or conditions, or both, as a condition of continued practice under the certificate.

(d) (4) The board may shall not issue a temporary certificate for practice in an area of critical need to any physician who is under investigation in any jurisdiction in the United States another state for an act that which would constitute a violation of this chapter until such time as the investigation is complete, at which time the provisions of s. 458.331 shall apply.

<u>(4) (5)</u> The application fee and all licensure fees, including neurological injury compensation assessments, shall be waived for those persons obtaining a temporary certificate to practice in areas of critical need for the purpose of providing volunteer, uncompensated care for low-income <u>residents</u>

Floridians. The applicant must submit an affidavit from the employing agency or institution stating that the physician will not receive any compensation for any service involving the practice of medicine.

Section 43. Section 459.0076, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

459.0076 Temporary certificate for practice in areas of critical need.—

(1) Any physician who:

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CODING: Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.

- (a) Is licensed to practice in any jurisdiction in the United States and whose license is currently valid; or
- (b) Has served as a physician in the United States Armed

 Forces for at least 10 years and received an honorable discharge

 from the military;

- and who pays an application fee of \$300 may be issued a temporary certificate for practice in areas of critical need.
- 2081 (2) A certificate may be issued to a physician who:
 - (a) Will practice in an area of critical need;
 - (b) Will be employed by or practice in a county health department, correctional facility, Department of Veterans'

 Affairs clinic, community health center funded by s. 329, s.

 330, or s. 340 of the United States Public Health Services Act, or other agency or institution that is approved by the State Surgeon General and provides health care to meet the needs of underserved populations in this state; or
 - (c) Will practice for a limited time to address critical physician-specialty, demographic, or geographic needs for this state's physician workforce as determined by the State Surgeon General.
 - (3) The Board of Osteopathic Medicine may issue this temporary certificate with the following restrictions:
 - (a) The State Surgeon General shall determine the areas of critical need. Such areas include, but are not limited to, health professional shortage areas designated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
 - 1. A recipient of a temporary certificate for practice in

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areas of critical need may use the certificate to work for any approved entity in any area of critical need or as authorized by the State Surgeon General.

- 2. The recipient of a temporary certificate for practice in areas of critical need shall, within 30 days after accepting employment, notify the board of all approved institutions in which the licensee practices and of all approved institutions where practice privileges have been denied.
- examination to determine the physician's competency, but a written regular examination is not required. Within 60 days after receipt of an application for a temporary certificate, the board shall review the application and issue the temporary certificate, notify the applicant of denial, or notify the applicant that the board recommends additional assessment, training, education, or other requirements as a condition of certification. If the applicant has not actively practiced during the prior 3 years and the board determines that the applicant may lack clinical competency, possess diminished or inadequate skills, lack necessary medical knowledge, or exhibit patterns of deficits in clinical decisionmaking, the board may:
 - 1. Deny the application;
- 2. Issue a temporary certificate having reasonable restrictions that may include, but are not limited to, a requirement for the applicant to practice under the supervision of a physician approved by the board; or
- 3. Issue a temporary certificate upon receipt of documentation confirming that the applicant has met any

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reasonable conditions of the board, which may include, but are not limited to, completing continuing education or undergoing an assessment of skills and training.

- (c) Any certificate issued under this section is valid only so long as the State Surgeon General determines that the reason for which it was issued remains a critical need to the state. The Board of Osteopathic Medicine shall review each temporary certificateholder not less than annually to ascertain that the minimum requirements of the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act and its adopted rules are being complied with. If it is determined that such minimum requirements are not being met, the board shall revoke such certificate or shall impose restrictions or conditions, or both, as a condition of continued practice under the certificate.
- (d) The board may not issue a temporary certificate for practice in an area of critical need to any physician who is under investigation in any jurisdiction in the United States for an act that would constitute a violation of this chapter until such time as the investigation is complete, at which time the provisions of s. 459.015 apply.
- (4) The application fee and all licensure fees, including neurological injury compensation assessments, shall be waived for those persons obtaining a temporary certificate to practice in areas of critical need for the purpose of providing volunteer, uncompensated care for low-income residents. The applicant must submit an affidavit from the employing agency or institution stating that the physician will not receive any compensation for any service involving the practice of medicine.

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| 2157 | Section 44. Paragraph (i) is added to subsection (3) of |
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| 2158 | section 499.01212, Florida Statutes, to read: |
| 2159 | 499.01212 Pedigree paper.— |
| 2160 | (3) EXCEPTIONS.—A pedigree paper is not required for: |
| 2161 | (i) The wholesale distribution of prescription drugs |
| 2162 | within a medical convenience kit if: |
| 2163 | 1. The medical convenience kit is assembled in an |
| 2164 | establishment that is registered with the United States Food and |
| 2165 | Drug Administration as a medical device manufacturer; |
| 2166 | 2. The medical convenience kit manufacturer is an |
| 2167 | authorized distributor of record, as defined by 21 C.F.R. s. |
| 2168 | 203.3, for the manufacturer of the specific drugs contained |
| 2169 | within the kit; and |
| 2170 | 3. The drugs contained in the medical convenience kit are: |
| 2171 | a. Intravenous solutions intended for the replenishment of |
| 2172 | fluids and electrolytes; |
| 2173 | b. Products intended to maintain the equilibrium of water |
| 2174 | and minerals in the body; |
| 2175 | c. Products intended for irrigation or reconstitution; |
| 2176 | d. Anesthetics; or |
| 2177 | e. Anticoagulants. |
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| 2179 | This paragraph does not apply to a medical convenience kit |
| 2180 | containing any controlled substance that appears in any schedule |
| 2181 | contained in or subject to chapter 893 or the Federal |
| 2182 | Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970. |
| 2183 | Section 45. Subsection (1) of section 465.0251, Florida |

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Statutes, is reenacted to read:

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465.0251 Generic drugs; removal from formulary under specified circumstances.—

(1) The Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Medicine shall remove any generic named drug product from the formulary established by s. 465.025(6), if every commercially marketed equivalent of that drug product is "A" rated as therapeutically equivalent to a reference listed drug or is a reference listed drug as referred to in "Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations" (Orange Book) published by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

Section 46. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010.