1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to health insurance; amending s. 3 624.155, F.S.; providing a civil remedy for a health 4 insurer who violates the Patient Savings Act; creating 5 s. 627.6387, F.S.; providing a short title; providing 6 definitions; providing health insurer website 7 requirements; requiring an insurer to provide good faith estimates of costs for certain health care 8 9 services upon request by an insured; requiring an 10 insurer to implement a shared savings incentive program by a specified date; providing procedures and 11 12 requirements; providing notification requirements; providing procedures for an insurer to obtain approval 13 14 for its program; providing reporting requirements; providing penalties; requiring the Office of Insurance 15 16 Regulation to make and submit an annual report; 17 authorizing the office to adopt rules; providing an 18 effective date. 19 20 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 21 22 Subsection (1) of section 624.155, Florida Section 1. 23 Statutes, is amended to read: 24 624.155 Civil remedy.-25 Any person may bring a civil action against an insurer (1)Page 1 of 8

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26 when such person is damaged: 27 By a violation of any of the following provisions by (a) 28 the insurer: 29 1. Section 626.9541(1)(i), (o), or (x); 2. 30 Section 626.9551; Section 626.9705; 31 3. Section 626.9706; 32 4. 5. Section 626.9707; or 33 Section 627.7283; or 34 6. 35 7. Section 627.6387. By the commission of any of the following acts by the 36 (b) 37 insurer: Not attempting in good faith to settle claims when, 38 1. 39 under all the circumstances, it could and should have done so, had it acted fairly and honestly toward its insured and with due 40 regard for her or his interests; 41 42 2. Making claims payments to insureds or beneficiaries not 43 accompanied by a statement setting forth the coverage under 44 which payments are being made; or 45 Except as to liability coverages, failing to promptly 3. 46 settle claims, when the obligation to settle a claim has become reasonably clear, under one portion of the insurance policy 47 coverage in order to influence settlements under other portions 48 49 of the insurance policy coverage. 50

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Notwithstanding the provisions of the above to the contrary, a 51 52 person pursuing a remedy under this section need not prove that 53 such act was committed or performed with such frequency as to 54 indicate a general business practice. 55 Section 2. Section 627.6387, Florida Statutes, is created 56 to read: 57 627.6387 Shared savings incentive program.-58 This section may be cited as the "Patient Savings (1) 59 Act".-60 (2) As used in this section, the term: (a) "Average price" means the average amount paid to an 61 62 in-network health care provider for a shoppable health care service within a 1-year period or as determined by another 63 64 method approved by the Office of Insurance Regulation. 65 (b) "Contracted amount" means the amount agreed to be paid 66 by the health insurer pursuant to a policy, contract, or 67 certificate of insurance to a health care provider for shoppable 68 health care services covered by the policy, contract, or 69 certificate of insurance, including any facility fees charged by 70 the provider. 71 (c) "Health care provider" means hospitals, ambulatory 72 surgical centers, and other medical facilities licensed under 73 chapter 395; home health agencies licensed under chapter 400; 74 physicians licensed under chapter 458; physician assistants 75 licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459; osteopathic

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76	physicians licensed under chapter 459; chiropractic physicians
77	licensed under chapter 460; podiatric physicians licensed under
78	chapter 461; naturopaths licensed under chapter 462; dentists
79	licensed under chapter 466; nurses licensed under part I of
80	chapter 464; midwives licensed under chapter 467; occupational
81	therapists licensed under chapter 468; radiological personnel
82	certified under chapter 468; clinical laboratories licensed
83	under chapter 483; physical therapists and physical therapist
84	assistants licensed under chapter 486; blood banks, plasma
85	centers, industrial clinics, and renal dialysis facilities; or
86	professional associations, partnerships, corporations, joint
87	ventures, or other associations for professional activity by
88	health care providers.
89	(d) "Health insurer" means an authorized insurer offering
90	health insurance as defined in s. 624.603 or a health
91	maintenance organization as defined in s. 641.19(12). The term
92	includes a person with a self-insurance plan that provides
93	health insurance benefits.
94	(e) "Shared savings incentive program" means a cash
95	incentive program established by a health insurer pursuant to
96	this section.
97	(f) "Shoppable health care service" means a nonemergency
98	health care service for which an insured may receive a cash
99	payment under a shared savings incentive program. Shoppable
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100	health care services include:

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101	1. Clinical laboratory services.
102	2. Infusion therapy.
103	3. Inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures.
104	4. Obstetrical and gynecological services.
105	5. Outpatient nonsurgical diagnostic tests and procedures.
106	6. Physical and occupational therapy services.
107	7. Radiology and imaging services.
108	(3) A health insurer's website must provide a method for
109	an insured or prospective insured to request and obtain
110	information on the contracted amount for shoppable health care
111	services from a health care provider and to compare the average
112	price among health care providers.
113	(4) Upon the request of an insured, a health insurer must
114	provide a good faith estimate of the contracted amount and the
115	estimated amount of copayments, deductibles, and other cost-
116	sharing responsibilities for health care services and procedures
117	within 2 working days after the request for both in-network and
118	out-of-network providers. The health insurer must notify the
119	insured that the estimate may differ from the actual amount the
120	insured will be responsible to pay due to unforeseen
121	circumstances that arise out of the proposed nonemergency
122	service or procedure.
123	(5) For the plan year beginning January 1, 2018, a health
124	insurer must implement a shared savings incentive program to
125	provide cash payments to an insured when the insured obtains a
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126	shoppable health care service at a price that is less than the
127	average price for that service.
128	(a) The amount of the shared savings incentive program
129	payment may be calculated as a percentage between the contracted
130	amount and the average price, or by an alternative method
131	approved by the office.
132	(b) The amount of the cash payment to the insured must be
133	at least 50 percent of the health insurer's saved costs for each
134	shoppable health care service paid to the health care provider
135	as compared with the average price.
136	(c) If an insured elects to receive a shoppable health
137	care service from an out-of-network health care provider for a
138	price that is less than the average price, the health insurer
139	must treat such service as if the service is provided by an in-
140	network health care provider for purposes of calculating the
141	shared savings incentive program payment.
142	(d) A health insurer is not required to provide a cash
143	payment under the shared savings incentive program to an insured
144	when the health insurer's saved cost is \$50 or less.
145	(e) A cash payment made by an insurer in accordance with
146	this section is not an administrative expense of the insurer for
147	rate development or rate filing purposes.
148	(6) The shared savings incentive program must be a
149	component part of the policy, contract, or certificate of
150	insurance provided by the health insurer. Annually and at the
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151	time of enrollment or renewal, a health insurer must notify its
152	insureds of the shared savings incentive program.
153	(7) A health insurer must file a description of the shared
154	savings incentive program with the office on a form prescribed
155	by the office. The office must review the filing to determine if
156	the program complies with the requirements of this section.
157	(8) A health insurer must file an annual report to the
158	office of its shared savings incentive program. The report must
159	include:
160	(a) The total number of payments made pursuant to this
161	section for the calendar year.
162	(b) The shoppable health care services by category for
163	which payments were made.
164	(c) The average amount of payments.
165	(d) The total amount saved by the health insurer when
166	compared with the average prices for each shoppable health
167	service category.
168	(e) The total number of insured and the percentage of
169	total insured who participated.
170	(9)(a) The office may impose an administrative penalty of
171	no more than \$2,500 per violation per day upon a health insurer
172	for failure to comply with this section. A fine imposed under
173	this section may be in addition to other penalties or fines
174	authorized by the insurance code.
175	(b) If a health insurer fails to meet the filing
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176 requirements under this section and does not submit the filing 177 within 30 days after the date the filing is due, the office may 178 order the insurer to discontinue the issuance of policies, contracts, or certificate of insurance until the filing 179 180 requirements have been fulfilled. 181 The office may revoke or suspend for at least 6 months (C) the certificate of authority of a health insurer for failure to 182 183 comply with this section. 184 (10) The office must submit an annual report that 185 summarizes the reports filed by health insurers required by 186 subsection (8). The report must be delivered to the President of 187 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by 188 April 1, 2019, and each year thereafter. 189 (11) The office may adopt rules necessary to implement and 190 enforce this section. 191 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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