

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the pregnancy support and wellness
 3 services; creating s. 381.96, F.S.; providing
 4 definitions; requiring the Department of Health to
 5 contract with a not-for-profit statewide alliance of
 6 organizations to provide pregnancy support and
 7 wellness services through subcontractors; providing
 8 duties of the department; providing contract
 9 requirements; requiring the contractor to spend a
 10 specified percentage of funds on direct client
 11 services; requiring the contractor to annually monitor
 12 subcontractors; providing for subcontractor background
 13 screenings under certain circumstances; specifying the
 14 entities eligible for a subcontract; requiring
 15 services to be provided in a noncoercive manner and
 16 forbidding inclusion of religious content; providing
 17 an effective date.

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 19 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 21 Section 1. Section 381.96, Florida Statutes, is created to
 22 read:

- 23 381.96 Pregnancy support and wellness services.-
 24 (1) DEFINITIONS.- As used in this section, the term:
 25 (a) "Department" means the Department of Health.

26 (b) "Eligible client" means a pregnant woman or a woman
27 who suspects she is pregnant, and the family of such woman, who
28 voluntarily seeks pregnancy support and wellness services. The
29 woman and her family shall continue to be eligible clients for
30 no more than 12 months after the birth of the child.

31 (c) " Florida Pregnancy Care Network, Inc.," or "network"
32 means the not-for-profit statewide alliance of pregnancy support
33 organizations that provide pregnancy support and wellness
34 services through a comprehensive system of care to women and
35 their families.

36 (d) "Pregnancy support services" means services that
37 promote and encourage childbirth, including, but not limited to:

38 1. Direct client services, such as pregnancy testing,
39 counseling, referral, training, and education for pregnant women
40 and their families.

41 2. Program awareness activities, including a promotional
42 campaign to educate the public about the pregnancy support
43 services offered by the network and a website that provides
44 information on the location of providers in the user's area, as
45 well as other available community resources.

46 3. Communication activities, including the operation and
47 maintenance of a hotline or call center with a single statewide
48 toll-free number that is available 24 hours a day for an
49 eligible client to obtain the location and contact information
50 for a pregnancy center located in his or her area.

51 (e) "Wellness services" means services or activities
52 intended to maintain and improve health or prevent illness and
53 injury, including, but not limited to, high blood pressure
54 screening, flu vaccines, anemia testing, thyroid screening,
55 cholesterol screening, diabetes screening, assistance with
56 smoking cessation, and tetanus vaccines.

57 (2) DEPARTMENT DUTIES.—The department shall contract with
58 the network for the management and delivery of pregnancy support
59 and wellness services to eligible clients.

60 (3) CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.—The department contract shall
61 specify the contract deliverables, including financial reports
62 and other reports due to the department, timeframes for
63 achieving contractual obligations, and any other requirements
64 the department determines are necessary, such as staffing and
65 location requirements. The contract shall require the network
66 to:

67 (a) Establish, implement, and monitor a comprehensive
68 system of care through subcontractors to meet the pregnancy
69 support and wellness needs of eligible clients.

70 (b) Establish and manage subcontracts with a sufficient
71 number of providers to ensure the availability of pregnancy
72 support and wellness services for eligible clients, and maintain
73 and manage the delivery of such services throughout the contract
74 period.

75 (c) Spend at least 90 percent of the contract funds on

76 pregnancy support and wellness services.

77 (d) Offer wellness services through vouchers or other
78 appropriate arrangements that allow the purchase of services
79 from qualified health care providers.

80 (e) Require a background screening under s. 943.0542 for
81 all paid staff and volunteers of a subcontractor if such staff
82 or volunteers provide direct client services to an eligible
83 client who is a minor or an elderly person or who has a
84 disability.

85 (f) Annually monitor its subcontractors and specify the
86 sanctions that shall be imposed for noncompliance with the terms
87 of a subcontract.

88 (g) Subcontract only with providers that exclusively
89 promote and support childbirth.

90 (h) Ensure that informational materials provided to an
91 eligible client by a provider are current and accurate and cite
92 the reference source of any medical statement included in such
93 materials.

94 (4) SERVICES.—Services provided pursuant to this section
95 must be provided in noncoercive manner and may not include any
96 religious content.

97 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.