1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to health care access; creating s. 3 220.197, F.S.; providing a tax credit for eligible 4 taxpayers; authorizing an unused tax credit amount to 5 be carried forward for a certain period of time; 6 authorizing the Department of Revenue to perform 7 audits and investigations under certain circumstances; 8 authorizing the department to pursue recovery of tax 9 credits if the taxpayer received a tax credit for 10 which the taxpayer was not entitled; authorizing the transfer of a tax credit under certain circumstances; 11 12 authorizing the department and the Office of Insurance Regulation to adopt rules; amending s. 624.509, F.S.; 13 14 providing that a health insurer or health maintenance 15 organization is allowed a tax credit against a 16 specified tax imposed if it covers services provided 17 by telehealth; authorizing an unused tax credit amount to be carried forward for a certain period of time; 18 19 authorizing the Department of Revenue to perform 20 audits and investigations under certain circumstances; 21 authorizing the Department of Revenue to pursue 22 recovery of tax credits if the taxpayer received a tax 23 credit for which the taxpayer was not entitled; authorizing the transfer of a tax credit under certain 24 25 circumstances; authorizing the Department of Revenue

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26	and the Office of Insurance Regulation to adopt rules;
27	providing that an insurer claiming the tax credit is
28	not required to pay any additional retaliatory tax;
29	providing definitions; creating s. 456.47, F.S.;
30	providing definitions; establishing certain practice
31	standards for telehealth providers; providing for the
32	maintenance and confidentiality of medical records;
33	providing registration requirements for out-of-state
34	telehealth providers; requiring the Department of
35	Health to publish certain information on its website;
36	authorizing a board or the department if there is no
37	board to revoke a telehealth provider's registration
38	under certain circumstances; providing venue;
39	providing exemptions to the registration requirement;
40	providing rulemaking authority; providing an
41	appropriation and authorizing positions; amending s.
42	464.003, F.S.; revising and providing definitions;
43	redesignating advanced registered nurse practitioners
44	as advanced practice registered nurses; providing for
45	independent advanced practice registered nurses to
46	practice advanced or specialized nursing and without
47	the supervision of a physician or protocol; creating a
48	joint committee to determine the medical acts that may
49	be performed by independent advanced practice
50	registered nurses and advanced practice registered
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51 nurses; providing for appointment and terms of 52 committee members; requiring the Board of Nursing to 53 adopt rules authorizing the performance of certain acts by an independent advanced practice registered 54 55 nurse; amending s. 464.012, F.S.; revising advanced 56 practice registered nurse certification requirements; 57 creating s. 464.0125, F.S.; providing for the 58 registration of an independent advanced practice 59 registered nurse who meets certain clinical practice 60 and educational requirements; specifying acts that 61 independent advanced practice registered nurses are 62 authorized to perform without physician supervision or protocol; requiring an independent advanced practice 63 64 registered nurse to submit proof of registration to the department; authorizing the department to include 65 the proof of registration in the advanced practice 66 67 registered nurse's practitioner profile; providing for biennial renewal of registration, including continuing 68 69 education requirements; providing for application and biennial renewal fees; providing rulemaking authority; 70 amending s. 464.015, F.S.; providing title protection 71 72 for independent advanced practice registered nurses, 73 advanced practice registered nurses, and certified nurse practitioners; creating s. 464.0155, F.S.; 74 75 requiring independent advanced practice registered

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76 nurses to report adverse incidents to the Department 77 of Health in a certain manner; providing report 78 requirements; defining the term "adverse incident"; 79 providing for department review of adverse incidents; 80 authorizing the department to take disciplinary action in cases of adverse incidents; amending s. 464.016, 81 82 F.S.; providing penalties for illegally using certain 83 titles; amending s. 464.018, F.S.; adding grounds for disciplinary actions against independent advanced 84 85 practice registered nurses; amending s. 39.303, F.S.; revising requirements relating to review of certain 86 87 cases of abuse or neglect and standards for face-toface medical evaluations by a child protection team; 88 89 amending s. 39.304, F.S.; authorizing a physician assistant and an independent advanced practice 90 registered nurse to perform or order an examination 91 and diagnose a child without parental consent under 92 93 certain circumstances; amending s. 90.503, F.S.; 94 redefining the term "psychotherapist" to include an 95 independent advanced practice registered nurse with a 96 specified scope of practice; amending s. 112.0455, 97 F.S.; authorizing an independent advanced practice 98 registered nurse to collect specimens for drug testing; amending s. 121.0515, F.S.; designating an 99 100 advanced practice registered nurse as a special risk

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101 member under certain conditions; amending ss. 310.071, 102 310.073, and 310.081, F.S.; authorizing a physician 103 assistant and an independent advanced practice 104 registered nurse to administer the physical 105 examination required for deputy pilot certification 106 and state pilot licensure; broadening an exception to 107 the prohibition against the use of controlled 108 substances by an applicant for a deputy pilot certificate or a state pilot license to allow the use 109 110 of controlled substances prescribed by a physician assistant, an independent advanced practice registered 111 112 nurse, or an advanced practice registered nurse; 113 requiring a physician assistant or an independent 114 advanced practice registered nurse performing the 115 physical examination to know the minimum licensure 116 standards and certify that such standards are met; 117 amending s. 320.0848, F.S.; authorizing an independent 118 advanced practice registered nurse to certify that a 119 person is disabled; amending s. 381.00315, F.S.; authorizing the reactivation of an independent 120 121 advanced practice registered nurse license in a public 122 health emergency; amending s. 381.00593, F.S.; 123 redefining the term "health care practitioner" to include a physician assistant and an independent 124 125 advanced practice registered nurse; amending s.

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126 381.026, F.S.; revising the definition of the term 127 "health care provider" to include a physician 128 assistant and an independent advanced practice 129 registered nurse; amending s. 382.008, F.S.; 130 authorizing a physician assistant, an independent 131 advanced practice registered nurse, or an advanced 132 practice registered nurse to file a certificate of 133 death or fetal death under certain circumstances; 134 authorizing a certified nurse midwife to provide certain information to a funeral director within a 135 specified time period; revising the definition of the 136 137 term "primary or attending physician"; amending s. 138 383.14, F.S.; authorizing the release of certain 139 newborn tests and screening results to an independent 140 advanced practice registered nurse; amending ss. 383.141, 627.357, and 766.1115, F.S.; revising the 141 142 definition of the term "health care provider" to 143 include an independent advanced practice registered 144 nurse; amending s. 384.27, F.S., authorizing an independent advanced practice registered nurse to 145 146 provide expedited partner therapy; amending s. 147 390.0111, F.S.; including an independent advanced 148 practice registered nurse in a list of health care practitioners authorized to review an ultrasound with 149 150 a woman prior to an abortion procedure; amending s.

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151 390.012, F.S.; including an independent advanced 152 practice registered nurse in a list of health care 153 practitioners authorized to provide postoperative 154 monitoring and required to be available throughout an 155 abortion procedure, remain at the abortion clinic 156 until all patients are discharged, and attempt to 157 assess the patient's recovery within a specified time; 158 amending s. 394.455, F.S.; revising the definition of 159 the term "psychiatric nurse" to include an independent 160 advanced practice registered nurse certified in a specified specialty; amending s. 394.463, F.S.; 161 162 authorizing a physician assistant, an independent 163 advanced practice registered nurse, or an advanced 164 practice registered nurse to initiate an involuntary 165 examination for mental illness under certain 166 circumstances; providing for examination of a patient 167 by a physician assistant or psychiatric nurse; 168 authorizing a psychiatric nurse to approve the release 169 of a patient under certain conditions; amending s. 170 395.0191, F.S.; authorizing an independent advanced 171 practice registered nurse to apply for clinical 172 privileges; providing an exception to the requirement 173 for onsite medical direction for certain independent 174 advanced practice registered nurses; amending s. 175 395.605, F.S.; including independent advanced practice

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176 registered nurses in a list of health care 177 practitioners who must supervise the care of a patient 178 or be on duty for a specified duration in an emergency 179 care setting; amending s. 397.311, F.S.; revising the 180 definition of the term "qualified professional" to 181 include an independent advanced practice registered 182 nurse; conforming terminology; amending s. 397.405, 183 F.S.; providing that an independent advanced practice 184 registered nurse's practice may not be limited under 185 certain circumstances; amending s. 397.501, F.S.; prohibiting the denial of certain services to an 186 187 individual who takes medication prescribed by a 188 physician assistant, an independent advanced practice 189 registered nurse, or an advanced practice registered 190 nurse; amending ss. 397.679 and 397.6793, F.S.; 191 revising the list of persons authorized to initiate a 192 certificate for an emergency admission for a person 193 who is substance abuse impaired; amending s. 400.021, 194 F.S.; revising the definition of the term "geriatric 195 outpatient clinic" to include a site staffed by an 196 independent advanced practice registered nurse; amending s. 400.0255, F.S.; including independent 197 198 advanced practice registered nurses in a list of 199 health care practitioners who must sign a notice of 200 discharge or transfer; amending s. 400.172, F.S.;

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201 including independent advanced practice registered 202 nurses and advanced practice registered nurses in a 203 list of health care practitioners who may provide a 204 prospective respite care resident with certain medical 205 information; amending s. 400.462, F.S.; defining the 206 term "independent advanced practice registered nurse"; 207 amending s. 400.487, F.S.; including independent 208 advanced practice registered nurses in a list of 209 health care practitioners who must establish treatment 210 orders for certain patients under certain circumstances; amending s. 400.506, F.S.; applying 211 212 medical treatment plan requirements to independent 213 advanced practice registered nurses; amending s. 214 400.9905, F.S.; exempting entities where health care 215 services are provided by independent advanced practice registered nurses from clinic licensure requirements; 216 217 amending s. 400.9973, F.S.; revising the list of 218 professionals authorized to prescribe admission to a 219 transitional living facility; amending s. 400.9974, 220 F.S.; revising the criteria for the comprehensive 221 treatment plan; amending s. 400.9976, F.S.; revising 222 the list of professionals authorized to supervise and record medications to be administered to a client; 223 224 amending s. 400.9979, F.S.; revising the list of 225 professionals that may order physical or chemical

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226 restraints for a client; amending s. 401.445, F.S.; 227 prohibiting recovery of damages in court against an 228 independent advanced practice registered nurse under 229 certain circumstances; requiring an independent 230 advanced practice registered nurse to attempt to 231 obtain a person's consent prior to providing emergency 232 services; amending ss. 409.905 and 409.908, F.S.; 233 requiring the agency to reimburse independent advanced 234 practice registered nurses for providing certain 235 mandatory Medicaid services; amending s. 409.9081, F.S.; requiring copayments under the Medicaid program 236 237 to be paid for independent advanced practice 238 registered nurse services; amending s. 409.973, F.S.; 239 requiring managed care plans to cover independent 240 advanced practice registered nurse services; amending s. 429.26, F.S.; prohibiting independent advanced 241 242 practice registered nurses from having a financial 243 interest in the assisted living facility that employs 244 them; including independent advanced practice 245 registered nurses in a list of health care 246 practitioners from whom an assisted living facility 247 resident may obtain an examination prior to admission; 248 amending s. 429.918, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "ADRD participant" to include participants 249 250 who have a documented diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease

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251 or a dementia-related disorder from an independent 252 advanced practice registered nurse; including 253 independent advanced practice registered nurses in a 254 list of health care practitioners from whom an ADRD 255 participant may obtain signed medical documentation; 256 amending s. 440.102, F.S.; authorizing, for the 257 purpose of drug-free workforce program requirements, 258 an independent advanced practice registered nurse to 259 collect a specimen for a drug test; amending s. 260 456.048, F.S.; requiring independent advanced practice 261 registered nurses to maintain medical malpractice 262 insurance or provide proof of financial 263 responsibility; exempting independent advanced 264 practice registered nurses from such requirements 265 under certain circumstances; amending s. 456.053, 266 F.S.; revising the definition of the term "board" to 267 include the Board of Nursing; revising the definitions 268 of the terms "health care provider" and "sole 269 provider" to include independent advanced practice 270 registered nurses; authorizing an independent advanced 271 practice registered nurse to make referrals under 272 certain circumstances; conforming a reference; 273 amending s. 456.072, F.S.; requiring the suspension 274 and fining of an independent advanced practice 275 registered nurse or an advanced practice registered

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276 nurse for prescribing or dispensing a controlled 277 substance in a certain manner; amending s. 456.44, 278 F.S.; providing certain requirements for independent 279 advanced practice registered nurses and advanced 280 practice registered nurses who prescribe controlled 281 substances for the treatment of chronic nonmalignant 282 pain; amending ss. 458.3265 and 459.0137, F.S.; 283 requiring an independent advanced practice registered 284 nurse to perform a physical examination of a patient 285 at a pain-management clinic under certain circumstances; amending ss. 458.348 and 459.025, F.S.; 286 287 deleting obsolete provisions; conforming provisions; 288 amending s. 464.0205, F.S.; authorizing an independent 289 advanced practice registered nurse to directly 290 supervise a certified retired volunteer nurse; 291 amending s. 480.0475, F.S.; authorizing the operation 292 of a massage establishment during specified times if a 293 massage is prescribed by an independent advanced 294 practice registered nurse; amending s. 483.041, F.S.; 295 revising the definition of the term "licensed 296 practitioner" to include a physician assistant and an 297 independent advanced practice registered nurse; 298 amending s. 483.181, F.S.; requiring clinical laboratories to accept a human specimen submitted by 299 300 an independent advanced practice registered nurse;

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301 amending s. 486.021, F.S.; authorizing a physical 302 therapist to implement a plan of treatment provided by 303 an independent advanced practice registered nurse; 304 amending s. 490.012, F.S.; allowing certain qualified 305 independent advanced practice registered nurses to use 306 the word, or a form of the word, "psychotherapy"; 307 amending s. 491.0057, F.S.; authorizing certain 308 qualified independent advanced practice registered 309 nurses to be licensed as marriage and family therapists; amending s. 491.012, F.S.; authorizing 310 311 certain qualified independent advanced practice 312 registered nurses to use specified terms; amending s. 313 493.6108, F.S.; authorizing an independent advanced 314 practice registered nurse to certify the physical 315 fitness of a certain class of applicants to bear a weapon or firearm; amending s. 626.9707, F.S.; 316 317 including independent advanced practice registered 318 nurses in a list of entities and individuals that are 319 protected from insurer discrimination when providing 320 services to a person with the sickle-cell trait; 321 amending s. 627.6471, F.S.; requiring insurers to 322 provide eligibility criteria for certain qualified 323 independent advanced practice registered nurses under 324 certain circumstances; amending s. 627.6472, F.S.; 325 requiring insurers to provide eligibility criteria for

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326 certain qualified independent advanced practice 327 registered nurses under certain circumstances; 328 prohibiting an exclusive provider organization from 329 discriminating against participation by an independent 330 advanced practice registered nurse; amending s. 331 627.736, F.S.; requiring personal injury protection 332 insurance to cover a certain percentage of medical 333 services and care provided by an independent advanced 334 practice registered nurse, a practitioner supervised 335 by an independent advanced practice registered nurse, 336 or an entity wholly owned by one or more independent 337 advanced practice registered nurses; providing for 338 reimbursement of independent advanced practice 339 registered nurses up to a specified amount for 340 providing medical services and care; amending s. 341 633.412, F.S.; authorizing an independent advanced 342 practice registered nurse to medically examine an 343 applicant for firefighter certification; amending s. 344 641.3923, F.S.; prohibiting a health maintenance 345 organization from discriminating against the 346 participation of a physician assistant or an 347 independent advanced practice registered nurse; 348 amending s. 641.495, F.S.; requiring a health maintenance organization to disclose in certain 349 350 documents that certain services may be provided by

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351 independent advanced practice registered nurses; 352 amending s. 744.2006, F.S.; adding independent 353 advanced practice registered nurses to a list of 354 authorized professionals with whom a public guardian 355 may contract to carry out quardianship functions; amending s. 744.331, F.S.; including a physician 356 357 assistant as an eligible member of an examining 358 committee; conforming terminology; amending s. 359 766.102, F.S.; providing requirements for 360 qualification as an expert witness in a medical 361 negligence case concerning the standard of care for an 362 independent advanced practice registered nurse and an 363 advanced practice registered nurse; amending s. 364 766.103, F.S.; prohibiting recovery of damages against 365 an independent advanced practice registered nurse 366 under certain conditions; amending s. 766.1116, F.S.; 367 revising the definition of the term "health care 368 practitioner" to include an independent advanced 369 practice registered nurse; amending s. 766.118, F.S.; 370 revising the definition of the term "practitioner" to 371 include an independent advanced practice registered 372 nurse; amending s. 768.135, F.S.; providing immunity 373 from liability for an independent advanced practice 374 registered nurse who provides volunteer services under 375 certain circumstances; amending s. 782.071, F.S.;

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376 allowing an independent advanced practice registered 377 nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse to 378 supervise a person who is completing community service 379 hours in a trauma center or hospital; amending s. 380 794.08, F.S.; providing that the section does not 381 apply to medical procedures conducted by an 382 independent advanced practice registered nurse under 383 certain circumstances; amending s. 893.02, F.S.; 384 revising the definition of the term "practitioner" to 385 include an independent advanced practice registered 386 nurse and an advanced practice registered nurse; 387 amending s. 943.13, F.S.; authorizing a law 388 enforcement officer or correctional officer to satisfy 389 qualifications for employment or appointment by 390 passing a physical examination conducted by an 391 independent advanced practice registered nurse; 392 amending s. 945.603, F.S.; authorizing the 393 Correctional Medical Authority to review and make 394 recommendations relating to the use of advanced 395 practice registered nurses as physician extenders; 396 amending s. 948.03, F.S.; revising the list of persons 397 who may prescribe drugs or narcotics to a probationer 398 to include an independent advanced practice registered nurse; amending ss. 1002.20 and 1002.42, F.S.; 399 400 including independent advanced practice registered

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401	nurses in a list of individuals who have immunity
402	relating to the use of epinephrine auto-injectors in
403	public and private schools; amending s. 1006.062,
404	F.S.; authorizing nonmedical assistive personnel to
405	perform health services if trained by an independent
406	advanced practice registered nurse; requiring the
407	monitoring of such personnel by an independent
408	advanced practice registered nurse; including
409	independent advanced practice registered nurses in a
410	list of practitioners who must determine whether such
411	personnel may perform certain invasive medical
412	services; amending s. 1006.20, F.S.; authorizing an
413	independent advanced practice registered nurse to
414	medically evaluate a student athlete; amending ss.
415	110.12315, 252.515, 395.602, 397.427, 456.0391,
416	456.0392, 456.041, 458.331, 459.015, 464.004,
417	464.0205, 467.003, 483.801, 893.05, 960.28, 1009.65,
418	1009.66, and 1009.67, F.S.; conforming terminology and
419	cross-references; providing effective dates.
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421	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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423	Section 1. Effective upon this act becoming a law, section
424	220.197, Florida Statutes, is created to read:
425	220.197 Telehealth tax credit
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426	(1) For tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018,
427	for taxpayers eligible to receive the tax credit provided in s.
428	624.509(9)(a), but with insufficient tax liability under s.
429	624.509 to use such tax credit, a credit against the tax imposed
430	by this chapter equal to the credit amount provided in s.
431	624.509(9)(a) is allowed.
432	(2) If the credit allowed pursuant to this section is not
433	fully used in any single year because of insufficient tax
434	liability on the part of the taxpayer, the unused amount may be
435	carried forward for a period not to exceed 5 years.
436	(3)(a) In addition to its existing audit and investigation
437	authority, the department may perform any additional financial
438	and technical audits and investigations, including examining the
439	accounts, books, and records of the taxpayer, which are
440	necessary to verify eligibility for the credit authorized by
441	this section and to ensure compliance with this section. The
442	Office of Insurance Regulation shall provide technical
443	assistance when requested by the department on any audits or
444	examinations performed pursuant to this paragraph.
445	(b) If the department determines, as a result of an audit
446	or examination or from information received from the Office of
447	Insurance Regulation, that a taxpayer received a tax credit
448	pursuant to this subsection to which it was not entitled, the
449	department shall pursue recovery of such funds pursuant to the
450	laws and rules governing the assessment of taxes.
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451 (4) A taxpayer may transfer a credit for which it 452 qualifies under subsection (1), in whole or in part, to any 453 taxpayer by written agreement. In order to perfect the transfer, 454 the transferor shall provide the department with a written 455 transfer statement stating the transferor's intent to transfer 456 the tax credit to the transferee; the date that the transfer is effective; the transferee's name, address, and federal taxpayer 457 458 identification number; the tax period; and the amount of tax 459 credit to be transferred. Upon receipt of the transfer 460 statement, the department shall provide the transferee and the 461 office with a certificate reflecting the transferred tax credit 462 amount. A copy of the certificate must be attached to each tax 463 return for which the transferee seeks to apply the credit. 464 The department and the Office of Insurance Regulation (5) 465 may adopt rules to administer this section, including rules 466 relating to: 467 The forms, if any, necessary to claim a tax credit (a) 468 under this section, the requirements and basis for establishing 469 an entitlement to a credit, and the examination and audit 470 procedures required to administer this section. 471 (b) The implementation and administration of the 472 provisions allowing a transfer of a tax credit, including rules 473 prescribing forms, reporting requirements, and specific 474 procedures, guidelines, and requirements necessary to transfer a 475 tax credit.

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476	Section 2. Effective upon this act becoming a law,
477	subsection (9) of section 624.509, Florida Statutes, is
478	renumbered as subsection (10) and amended, and a new subsection
479	(9) is added to that section, to read:
480	624.509 Premium tax; rate and computation
481	(9)(a) For tax years beginning on or after January 1,
482	2018, any health insurer or health maintenance organization that
483	covers services provided by telehealth shall be allowed a credit
484	against the tax imposed by this section equal to 0.001 percent
485	of total insurance premiums received on accident and health
486	insurance policies or plans delivered or issued in this state in
487	the previous calendar year that provide medical, major medical,
488	or similar comprehensive coverage. The office shall confirm such
489	coverage to the Department of Revenue following its annual rate
490	and form review for each health insurance policy or plan.
491	(b) If the credit allowed pursuant to this subsection is
492	not fully used in any single year because of insufficient tax
493	liability on the part of a health insurer or health maintenance
494	organization and the same health insurer or health maintenance
495	organization does not use the credit available pursuant to s.
496	220.197, the unused amount may be carried forward for a period
497	not to exceed 5 years.
498	(c)1. In addition to its existing audit and investigation
499	authority, the Department of Revenue may perform any additional
500	financial and technical audits and investigations, including
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501	examining the accounts, books, and records of the health insurer
502	or health maintenance organization, which are necessary to
503	verify eligibility for the credit authorized by this subsection
504	and to ensure compliance with this subsection. The office shall
505	provide technical assistance when requested by the Department of
506	Revenue on any audits or examinations performed pursuant to this
507	subparagraph.
508	2. If the Department of Revenue determines, as a result of
509	an audit or examination or from information received from the
510	office, that a taxpayer received a tax credit pursuant to this
511	subsection to which it was not entitled, the Department of
512	Revenue shall pursue recovery of such funds pursuant to the laws
513	and rules governing the assessment of taxes.
514	(d) A health insurer or health maintenance organization
515	may transfer a credit for which it qualifies under paragraph
516	(a), in whole or in part, to any insurer by written agreement.
517	In order to perfect the transfer, the transferor shall provide
518	the Department of Revenue with a written transfer statement
519	stating the transferor's intent to transfer the tax credit to
520	the transferee; the date that the transfer is effective; the
521	transferee's name, address, and federal taxpayer identification
522	number; the tax period; and the amount of tax credit to be
523	transferred. Upon receipt of the transfer statement, the
524	Department of Revenue shall provide the transferee and the
525	office with a certificate reflecting the transferred tax credit
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526	amount. A copy of the certificate must be attached to each tax
527	return for which the transferee seeks to apply the credit.
528	(e) The Department of Revenue and the office may adopt
529	rules to administer this section, including rules relating to:
530	1. The forms, if any, necessary to claim a tax credit
531	under this section, the requirements and basis for establishing
532	an entitlement to a credit, and the examination and audit
533	procedures required to administer this section.
534	2. The implementation and administration of the provisions
535	allowing a transfer of a tax credit, including rules prescribing
536	forms, reporting requirements, and specific procedures,
537	guidelines, and requirements necessary to transfer a tax credit.
538	(f) An insurer that claims a credit against tax liability
539	under this subsection is not required to pay any additional
540	retaliatory tax levied under s. 624.5091 as a result of claiming
541	such a credit. Section 624.5091 does not limit such a credit in
542	any manner.
543	(10) (9) As used in this section, the term:
544	(a) "Health insurer" means an authorized insurer offering
545	health insurance as defined in s. 624.603.
546	(b) "Health maintenance organization" has the same meaning
547	as provided in s. 641.19.
548	(c) "Insurer" includes any entity subject to the tax
549	imposed by this section.
550	(d) "Telehealth" means the use of synchronous or

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551 asynchronous telecommunications technology by a health care 552 provider to provide health care services, including, but not 553 limited to, patient assessment, diagnosis, consultation, 554 treatment, and monitoring; transfer of medical data; patient and 555 professional health-related education; public health services; and health administration. The term does not include audio-only 556 557 telephone calls, e-mail messages, or facsimile transmissions. 558 Section 3. Section 456.47, Florida Statutes, is created to 559 read: 560 456.47 Use of telehealth to provide services.-561 DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term: (1) (a) "Telehealth" means the use of synchronous or 562 563 asynchronous telecommunications technology by a telehealth 564 provider to provide health care services, including, but not 565 limited to, patient assessment, diagnosis, consultation, 566 treatment, and monitoring; transfer of medical data; patient and 567 professional health-related education; public health services; and health administration. The term does not include audio-only 568 569 telephone calls, e-mail messages, or facsimile transmissions. "Telehealth provider" means any individual who 570 (b) provides health care and related services using telehealth and 571 572 who is licensed or certified under s. 393.17; part III of 573 chapter 401; chapter 457; chapter 458; chapter 459; chapter 460; 574 chapter 461; chapter 463; chapter 464; chapter 465; chapter 466; chapter 467; part I, part III, part IV, part V, part X, part 575

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576	XIII, or part XIV of chapter 468; chapter 478; chapter 480; part
577	III of chapter 483; chapter 484; chapter 486; chapter 490; or
578	chapter 491; or who is registered under and complies with
579	subsection (4).
580	(2) PRACTICE STANDARD.—
581	(a) The standard of care for telehealth providers who
582	provide health care services is the same as the standard of care
583	for health care professionals who provide in-person health care
584	services to patients in this state. If the telehealth provider
585	conducts a patient evaluation sufficient to diagnose and treat
586	the patient, the telehealth provider is not required to research
587	a patient's medical history or conduct a physical examination of
588	the patient before using telehealth to provide services to the
589	patient. The evaluation may be performed using telehealth.
590	(b) A telehealth provider may not use telehealth to
591	prescribe a controlled substance to treat chronic nonmalignant
592	pain, as defined under s. 456.44, unless the controlled
593	substance is ordered for inpatient treatment at a hospital
594	licensed under chapter 395, is prescribed for a patient
595	receiving hospice services, as defined under s. 400.601, or is
596	prescribed for a resident of a nursing home facility as defined
597	<u>under s. 400.021(12).</u>
598	(c) A telehealth provider and a patient may be in separate
599	locations when telehealth is used to provide health care
600	services to a patient.

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601	(d) A nonphysician telehealth provider using telehealth
602	and acting within the relevant scope of practice, as established
603	by Florida law and rule, is not a violation of s. 458.327(1)(a)
604	or s. 459.013(1)(a).
605	(3) RECORDS.—A telehealth provider shall document in the
606	patient's medical record the health care services rendered using
607	telehealth according to the same standard as used for in-person
608	services. Medical records, including video, audio, electronic,
609	or other records generated as a result of providing such
610	services, are confidential pursuant to ss. 395.3025(4) and
611	456.057.
612	(4) REGISTRATION OF OUT-OF-STATE TELEHEALTH PROVIDERS
613	(a) A health care professional not licensed in this state
614	may provide health care services to a patient located in this
615	state using telehealth if the telehealth provider registers with
616	the applicable board, or the department if there is no board,
617	and provides health care services within the relevant scope of
618	practice established by Florida law or rule.
619	(b) The board, or the department if there is no board,
620	shall register a health care professional not licensed in this
621	state as a telehealth provider if the health care professional:
622	1. Completes an application in the format prescribed by
623	the department;
624	2. Pays a \$150 registration fee; and
625	3. Holds an active, unencumbered license for a profession
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626 listed in paragraph (1)(b) which is issued by another state, the 627 District of Columbia, or a possession or territory of the United 628 States and against whom no disciplinary action has been taken 629 during the 5 years before submission of the application. The 630 department shall use the National Practitioner Data Bank to 631 verify information submitted by an applicant. 632 (c) A telehealth provider registered pursuant to paragraph 633 (b) must, as a condition of biennial registration renewal, 634 complete a renewal application and pay a renewal registration 635 fee of \$150. 636 (d) A health care professional may not register under this 637 subsection if his or her license to provide health care services 638 is subject to a pending disciplinary investigation or action, or 639 has been revoked in any state or jurisdiction. A health care 640 professional registered under this section must notify the 641 appropriate board, or the department if there is no board, of 642 restrictions placed on the health care professional's license to 643 practice, or disciplinary action taken or pending against the 644 health care professional, in any state or jurisdiction. The 645 notification must be provided within 5 business days after the restriction is placed or disciplinary action is initiated or 646 647 taken. (e) A health care professional registered under this 648 649 subsection may not open an office in this state and may not 650 provide in-person health care services to patients located in

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651 this state. 652 A pharmacist registered under this subsection may only (f) 653 use a pharmacy permitted under chapter 465, a nonresident pharmacy registered under s. 465.0156, or a nonresident pharmacy 654 655 or outsourcing facility holding an active permit pursuant to s. 656 465.0158, to dispense medicinal drugs to patients located in 657 this state. (g) The department shall publish on its website a list of 658 all registrants and include, to the extent applicable, each 659 660 registrant's: 661 1. Name. 662 2. Health care occupation. 663 3. Completed health care training and education, including 664 completion dates and any certificates or degrees obtained. 665 4. Out-of-state health care license with the license 666 number. 667 5. Florida telehealth provider registration number. 668 6. Specialty. 669 7. Board certification. 670 8. Five-year disciplinary history, including sanctions and 671 board actions. 672 9. Medical malpractice insurance provider and policy limits, including whether the policy covers claims which arise 673 674 in this state. 675 The board, or the department if there is no board, may (h)

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676	revoke an out-of-state telehealth provider's registration if the
677	registrant:
678	1. Fails to notify the applicable board, or the
679	department, of any adverse actions taken against his or her
680	license as required under paragraph (d).
681	2. Has restrictions placed on or disciplinary action taken
682	against his or her license in any state or jurisdiction.
683	3. Violates any of the requirements of this section.
684	(5) VENUEFor the purposes of this section, any act that
685	constitutes the delivery of health care services is deemed to
686	occur at the place where the patient is located at the time the
687	act is performed.
688	(6) EXEMPTIONSA health care professional who is not
689	licensed to provide health care services in this state but who
690	holds an active license to provide health care services in
691	another state or jurisdiction, and who provides health care
692	services using telehealth to a patient located in this state, is
693	not subject to the registration requirement under this section
694	if the services are provided:
695	(a) In response to an emergency medical condition as
696	defined in s. 395.002; or
697	(b) In consultation with a health care professional
698	licensed in this state and that health care professional retains
699	ultimate authority over the diagnosis and care of the patient.
700	(7) RULEMAKINGThe applicable board, or the department if

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701	there is no board, may adopt rules to administer this section.
702	Section 4. For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, the sums of
703	\$261,389 in recurring funds and \$15,528 in nonrecurring funds
704	from the Medical Quality Assurance Trust Fund are appropriated
705	to the Department of Health, and four full-time equivalent
706	positions with associated salary rate of 145,870 are authorized,
707	for the purpose of implementing s. 456.47, Florida Statutes, as
708	created by this act.
709	Section 5. Subsections (2) and (3) of section 464.003,
710	Florida Statutes, are amended, subsections (16) through (23) are
711	renumbered as subsections (17) through (24), respectively,
712	present subsections (20) and (22) are amended, and a new
713	subsection (16) is added to that section, to read:
714	464.003 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:
715	(2) "Advanced or specialized nursing practice" or "to
716	practice advanced or specialized nursing" means, in addition to
717	the practice of professional nursing, the performance of
718	advanced-level nursing acts approved by the board which, by
719	virtue of postbasic specialized education, training, and
720	experience, are appropriately performed by an <u>independent</u>
721	advanced practice registered nurse or an advanced practice
722	registered nurse practitioner . Within the context of advanced or
723	specialized nursing practice, the independent advanced practice
724	registered nurse and the advanced practice registered nurse
725	practitioner may perform acts of nursing diagnosis and nursing
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726 treatment of alterations of the health status. The independent 727 advanced practice registered nurse and the advanced practice 728 registered nurse practitioner may also perform acts of medical 729 diagnosis, and treatment, prescription, and operation which are 730 identified and approved by a joint committee composed of three 731 members appointed by the Board of Nursing, one of whom must be 732 an independent advanced practice registered nurse and one of 733 whom must be an advanced practice registered nurse; three 734 members appointed by the Board of Medicine, two of whom must 735 have had work experience with advanced practice registered 736 nurses; and the State Surgeon General or the State Surgeon 737 General's designee. Each committee member appointed by a board 738 shall be appointed to a term of 4 years unless a shorter term is required to establish or maintain staggered terms. The Board of 739 740 Nursing shall adopt rules authorizing the performance of any 741 such acts approved by the joint committee. Unless otherwise 742 specified by the joint committee and unless such acts are 743 performed by an independent advanced practice nurse, such 744 medical acts must be performed as authorized within the 745 framework of an established supervisory protocol. The department 746 may, by rule, require that a copy of the protocol be filed with 747 the department along with the notice required by s. 458.348 or 748 s. 459.025. 749 "Advanced practice registered nurse practitioner" (3)

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means any person licensed in this state to practice professional

751 nursing and certified in advanced or specialized nursing 752 practice, including certified registered nurse anesthetists, 753 certified nurse midwives, and certified nurse practitioners. 754 "Independent advanced practice registered nurse" (16) 755 means an advanced practice registered nurse who maintains an 756 active and unencumbered certification under s. 464.012(2) and 757 registration under s. 464.0125 to practice advanced or 758 specialized nursing independently and without the supervision of 759 a physician or a protocol.

760 <u>(21)(20)</u> "Practice of professional nursing" means the 761 performance of those acts requiring substantial specialized 762 knowledge, judgment, and nursing skill based upon applied 763 principles of psychological, biological, physical, and social 764 sciences which shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) The observation, assessment, nursing diagnosis,
planning, intervention, and evaluation of care; health teaching
and counseling of the ill, injured, or infirm; and the promotion
of wellness, maintenance of health, and prevention of illness of
others.

(b) The <u>prescribing and</u> administration of medications and
treatments as prescribed or authorized by a duly licensed
practitioner authorized by the laws of this state to prescribe
such medications and treatments.

(c) The supervision and teaching of other personnel in thetheory and performance of any of the acts described in this

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778 A professional nurse is responsible and accountable for making 779 decisions that are based upon the individual's educational 780 preparation and experience in nursing.

781 (23)(22) "Registered nurse" means any person licensed in 782 this state to practice professional nursing, except such 783 licensed person may only administer medications and treatments 784 authorized by a duly licensed practitioner authorized by the 785 laws of this state to prescribe such medications and treatments.

786 Section 6. Section 464.012, Florida Statutes, is amended 787 to read:

788 464.012 Certification of advanced <u>practice</u> registered 789 <u>nurses</u> nurse practitioners; fees; controlled substance 790 prescribing.-

(1) Any nurse desiring to be certified as an advanced
practice registered nurse practitioner shall apply to the board
department and submit proof that the nurse he or she holds a
current license to practice professional nursing and that the
<u>nurse he or she meets one or more of the following requirements</u>
as determined by the board:

797 (a) Satisfactory completion of a formal postbasic
 798 educational program of at least one academic year, the primary
 799 purpose of which is to prepare nurses for advanced or
 800 specialized practice.

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801 (a) (b) Certification by an appropriate specialty board. 802 Such certification shall be required for initial state 803 certification and any recertification as a registered nurse 804 anesthetist, psychiatric nurse, or nurse midwife. The board may 805 by rule provide for provisional state certification of graduate 806 nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists, psychiatric nurses, and 807 nurse midwives for a period of time determined to be appropriate 808 for preparing for and passing the national certification 809 examination. 810 (b) (c) Graduation from a program leading to a master's degree program in a nursing clinical specialty area with 811 812 preparation in specialized practitioner skills. For applicants 813 graduating on or after October 1, 1998, graduation from a 814 master's degree program shall be required for initial

815 certification as a nurse practitioner under paragraph (4) (c).
816 For applicants graduating on or after October 1, 2001,
817 graduation from a master's degree program shall be required for
818 initial certification as a registered nurse anesthetist under

819 paragraph (4) (a).

(2) The board shall provide by rule the appropriate
 requirements for advanced <u>practice</u> registered <u>nurses</u> nurse
 practitioners in the categories of certified registered nurse
 anesthetist, certified nurse midwife, and <u>certified</u> nurse
 practitioner.

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(3) An advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse practitioner

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826 shall perform those functions authorized in this section within 827 the framework of an established protocol that is filed with the 828 board upon biennial license renewal and within 30 days after 829 entering into a supervisory relationship with a physician or 830 changes to the protocol. The board shall review the protocol to 831 ensure compliance with applicable regulatory standards for 832 protocols. The board shall refer to the department licensees 833 submitting protocols that are not compliant with the regulatory 834 standards for protocols. A practitioner currently licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 466 shall maintain 835 836 supervision for directing the specific course of medical 837 treatment. Within the established framework, an advanced 838 practice registered nurse practitioner may:

(a) Prescribe, dispense, administer, or order any drug;
however, an advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse practitioner may
prescribe or dispense a controlled substance as defined in s.
893.03 only if the advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse
practitioner has graduated from a program leading to a master's
or doctoral degree in a clinical nursing specialty area with
training in specialized practitioner skills.

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(b) Initiate appropriate therapies for certain conditions.

847 (c) Perform additional functions as may be determined by848 rule in accordance with s. 464.003(2).

849 (d) Order diagnostic tests and physical and occupational850 therapy.

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(e) Order any medication for administration to a patient in a facility licensed under chapter 395 or part II of chapter 400, notwithstanding any provisions in chapter 465 or chapter 854 893.

(4) In addition to the general functions specified in
subsection (3), an advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse
practitioner may perform the following acts within his or her
specialty:

(a) The certified registered nurse anesthetist may, to the
extent authorized by established protocol approved by the
medical staff of the facility in which the anesthetic service is
performed, perform any or all of the following:

1. Determine the health status of the patient as it
relates to the risk factors and to the anesthetic management of
the patient through the performance of the general functions.

2. Based on history, physical assessment, and supplemental laboratory results, determine, with the consent of the responsible physician, the appropriate type of anesthesia within the framework of the protocol.

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3. Order under the protocol preanesthetic medication.

4. Perform under the protocol procedures commonly used to render the patient insensible to pain during the performance of surgical, obstetrical, therapeutic, or diagnostic clinical procedures. These procedures include ordering and administering regional, spinal, and general anesthesia; inhalation agents and

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876 techniques; intravenous agents and techniques; and techniques of 877 hypnosis.

878 5. Order or perform monitoring procedures indicated as
879 pertinent to the anesthetic health care management of the
880 patient.

881 6. Support life functions during anesthesia health care,
882 including induction and intubation procedures, the use of
883 appropriate mechanical supportive devices, and the management of
884 fluid, electrolyte, and blood component balances.

Recognize and take appropriate corrective action for
abnormal patient responses to anesthesia, adjunctive medication,
or other forms of therapy.

888 8. Recognize and treat a cardiac arrhythmia while the889 patient is under anesthetic care.

9. Participate in management of the patient while in the
postanesthesia recovery area, including ordering the
administration of fluids and drugs.

893 10. Place special peripheral and central venous and894 arterial lines for blood sampling and monitoring as appropriate.

(b) The certified nurse midwife may, to the extent authorized by an established protocol which has been approved by the medical staff of the health care facility in which the midwifery services are performed, or approved by the nurse midwife's physician backup when the delivery is performed in a patient's home, perform any or all of the following:

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Perform superficial minor surgical procedures. 1.

902 Manage the patient during labor and delivery to include 2. 903 amniotomy, episiotomy, and repair.

904 3. Order, initiate, and perform appropriate anesthetic 905 procedures.

4. Perform postpartum examination.

907 5. Order appropriate medications.

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6. Provide family-planning services and well-woman care.

Manage the medical care of the normal obstetrical 909 7. patient and the initial care of a newborn patient. 910

911 The certified nurse practitioner may perform any or (C) 912 all of the following acts within the framework of established 913 protocol:

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1. Manage selected medical problems.

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2. Order physical and occupational therapy.

916 Initiate, monitor, or alter therapies for certain 3. 917 uncomplicated acute illnesses.

918 4. Monitor and manage patients with stable chronic 919 diseases.

920 5. Establish behavioral problems and diagnosis and make 921 treatment recommendations.

922 A psychiatric nurse, as defined in s. 394.455, within (5) 923 the framework of an established protocol with a psychiatrist, 924 may prescribe psychotropic controlled substances for the 925 treatment of mental disorders.

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926 (6) The board shall certify, and the department shall 927 issue a certificate to, any nurse meeting the qualifications in 928 this section. The board shall establish an application fee not 929 to exceed \$100 and a biennial renewal fee not to exceed \$50. The 930 board is authorized to adopt such other rules as are necessary 931 to implement the provisions of this section.

932 (7) (a) The board shall establish a committee to recommend 933 a formulary of controlled substances that an advanced practice 934 registered nurse practitioner may not prescribe or may prescribe only for specific uses or in limited quantities. The committee 935 936 must consist of three advanced practice registered nurses nurse 937 practitioners licensed under this section, recommended by the 938 board; three physicians licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 939 459 who have work experience with advanced practice registered 940 nurses nurse practitioners, recommended by the Board of 941 Medicine; and a pharmacist licensed under chapter 465 who is a 942 doctor of pharmacy, recommended by the Board of Pharmacy. The 943 committee may recommend an evidence-based formulary applicable 944 to all advanced practice registered nurses nurse practitioners 945 which is limited by specialty certification, is limited to 946 approved uses of controlled substances, or is subject to other 947 similar restrictions the committee finds are necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. The 948 formulary must restrict the prescribing of psychiatric mental 949 950 health controlled substances for children younger than 18 years

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951 of age to advanced practice registered nurses nurse 952 practitioners who also are psychiatric nurses as defined in s. 953 394.455. The formulary must also limit the prescribing of 954 Schedule II controlled substances as listed in s. 893.03 to a 7-955 day supply, except that such restriction does not apply to 956 controlled substances that are psychiatric medications 957 prescribed by psychiatric nurses as defined in s. 394.455. 958 The board shall adopt by rule the recommended (b) 959 formulary and any revision to the formulary which it finds is supported by evidence-based clinical findings presented by the 960 Board of Medicine, the Board of Osteopathic Medicine, or the 961 962 Board of Dentistry. 963 The formulary required under this subsection does not (C) 964 apply to a controlled substance that is dispensed for 965 administration pursuant to an order, including an order for 966 medication authorized by subparagraph (4)(a)3., subparagraph 967 (4) (a) 4., or subparagraph (4) (a) 9. 968 The board shall adopt the committee's initial (d) 969 recommendation no later than October 31, 2017 2016. 970 (8) This section shall be known as "The Barbara Lumpkin 971 Prescribing Act." 972 Section 7. Section 464.0125, Florida Statutes, is created 973 to read: 974 464.0125 Registration of independent advanced practice 975 registered nurses; fees.-Page 39 of 185

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976	(1) To be registered as an independent advanced practice
977	registered nurse, an applicant must hold an active and
978	unencumbered certificate under s. 464.012, and must have:
979	(a) Completed, in any jurisdiction of the United States,
980	at least 4,000 clinical practice hours while practicing as an
981	advanced practice registered nurse under the supervision of an
982	allopathic or osteopathic physician holding an active,
983	unencumbered license issued by any state, the District of
984	Columbia, or a possession or territory of the United States
985	during the period of supervision.
986	(b) Completed at least 2,000 clinical practice hours
987	within a 3-year period immediately preceding the submission of
988	the application, which shall, if supervised pursuant to
989	paragraph (a), be counted as part of the requirement of that
990	paragraph.
991	(c) Not been subject to any disciplinary action under s.
992	464.018 or s. 456.072, or any similar disciplinary action in any
993	other jurisdiction, during the 5 years immediately preceding the
994	submission of the application.
995	(d) Completed a graduate-level course in pharmacology.
996	(2) The board may provide by rule additional requirements
997	appropriate for each applicant practicing in a specialty under
998	<u>s. 464.012(4).</u>
999	(3) An independent advanced practice registered nurse may
1000	perform, without physician supervision or a protocol, the

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1001	functions authorized in s. 464.012(3), the acts within his or
1002	her specialty as described in s. 464.012(4), and any of the
1003	following:
1004	(a) For a patient who requires the services of a health
1005	care facility, as defined in s. 408.032(8):
1006	1. Admit the patient to the facility.
1007	2. Manage the care that the patient receives in the
1008	facility.
1009	3. Discharge the patient from the facility.
1010	(b) Provide a signature, certification, stamp,
1011	verification, affidavit, or other endorsement that is otherwise
1012	required by law to be provided by a physician.
1013	(4) An independent advanced practice registered nurse
1014	registered under this section must submit to the department
1015	proof of registration along with the information required under
1016	s. 456.0391, and the department shall include the registration
1017	in the independent advanced practice registered nurse's
1018	practitioner profile created pursuant to s. 456.041.
1019	(5) To be eligible for biennial renewal of registration,
1020	an independent advanced practice registered nurse must complete
1021	at least 10 hours of continuing education approved by the board
1022	in pharmacology in addition to completing the continuing
1023	education requirements established by board rule pursuant to s.
1024	464.013. The biennial renewal for registration shall coincide
1025	with the independent advanced practice registered nurse's

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1026 biennial renewal period for advanced practice registered nurse 1027 certification. If the initial renewal period occurs before 1028 January 1, 2018, an independent advanced practice registered 1029 nurse is not required to complete the continuing education 1030 requirement under this subsection until the following biennial 1031 renewal period. 1032 (6) The board shall register any nurse meeting the 1033 qualifications in this section. The board shall establish an 1034 application fee not to exceed \$100 and a biennial renewal fee 1035 not to exceed \$50. The board is authorized to adopt rules as 1036 necessary to implement this section. 1037 Section 8. Subsections (8) and (9) of section 464.015, 1038 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 1039 464.015 Titles and abbreviations; restrictions; penalty.-1040 (8) Only a person certified under s. 464.012 persons who 1041 hold valid certificates to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse practitioners in this state may use the title 1042 1043 "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Practitioner" and the 1044 abbreviation "A.P.R.N." Only a person registered under s. 1045 464.0125 to practice as an independent advanced practice registered nurse in this state may use the title "Independent 1046 1047 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse" and the abbreviation "I.A.P.R.N." "A.R.N.P." 1048 A person may not practice or advertise as, or assume 1049 (9) 1050 the title of, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse,

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1051	clinical nurse specialist, certified registered nurse
1052	anesthetist, certified nurse midwife, certified nurse
1053	practitioner, or advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse, or
1054	independent advanced practice registered nurse practitioner or
1055	use the abbreviation "R.N.," "L.P.N.," "C.N.S.," "C.R.N.A.,"
1056	"C.N.M.," <u>"C.N.P.," "A.P.R.N.,"</u> or <u>"I.A.P.R.N."</u> "A.R.N.P." or
1057	take any other action that would lead the public to believe that
1058	person was certified or registered as such or is performing
1059	nursing services pursuant to the exception set forth in s.
1060	464.022(8), unless that person is licensed, or certified,
1061	registered to practice as such.
1062	Section 9. Effective January 1, 2018, section 464.0155,
1063	Florida Statutes, is created to read:
1064	464.0155 Reports of adverse incidents by independent
1064 1065	464.0155 Reports of adverse incidents by independent advanced practice registered nurses
1065	advanced practice registered nurses
1065 1066	advanced practice registered nurses (1) An independent advanced practice registered nurse must
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1065 1066 1067 1068 1069 1070	<pre>advanced practice registered nurses (1) An independent advanced practice registered nurse must report an adverse incident to the department in accordance with this section. (2) The report must be in writing, sent to the department by certified mail, and postmarked within 15 days after the</pre>
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1076	independent advanced practice registered nurse discovers, or
1077	reasonably should have discovered, the occurrence of the adverse
1078	incident.
1079	(3) For the purpose of this section, the term "adverse
1080	incident" means any of the following events when it is
1081	reasonable to believe that the event is attributable to the
1082	prescription of a controlled substance by the independent
1083	advanced practice registered nurse:
1084	(a) A condition that requires the transfer of a patient to
1085	a hospital licensed under chapter 395.
1086	(b) Permanent physical injury to the patient.
1087	(c) Death of the patient.
1088	(4) The department shall review each adverse incident and
1089	determine whether the independent advanced practice registered
1090	nurse caused the adverse incident. The board may take
1091	disciplinary action upon such a finding, in which case s.
1092	456.073 applies.
1093	Section 10. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
1094	464.016, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
1095	464.016 Violations and penalties
1096	(2) Each of the following acts constitutes a misdemeanor
1097	of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s.
1098	775.083:
1099	(a) Using the name or title "Nurse," "Registered Nurse,"
1100	"Licensed Practical Nurse," "Clinical Nurse Specialist,"
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1101	"Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist," "Certified Nurse
1102	Midwife," <u>"Certified Nurse Practitioner,"</u> "Advanced <u>Practice</u>
1103	Registered Nurse Practitioner ," <u>"Independent Advanced Practice</u>
1104	<u>Registered Nurse,"</u> or any other name or title <u>that</u> which implies
1105	that a person was licensed <u>,</u> or certified, or registered as same,
1106	unless such person is duly licensed <u>,</u> or certified <u>, or</u>
1107	registered.
1108	Section 11. Paragraph (p) of subsection (1) of section
1109	464.018, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (r) is
1110	added to that subsection, to read:
1111	464.018 Disciplinary actions
1112	(1) The following acts constitute grounds for denial of a
1113	license or disciplinary action, as specified in s. 456.072(2):
1114	(p) For an advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse <u>or an</u>
1115	independent advanced practice registered nurse practitioner:
1116	1. Presigning blank prescription forms.
1117	2. Prescribing for office use any medicinal drug appearing
1118	on Schedule II in chapter 893.
1119	3. Prescribing, ordering, dispensing, administering,
1120	supplying, selling, or giving a drug that is an amphetamine, a
1121	sympathomimetic amine drug, or a compound designated in s.
1122	893.03(2) as a Schedule II controlled substance, to or for any
1123	person except for:
1124	a. The treatment of narcolepsy; hyperkinesis; behavioral
1125	syndrome in children characterized by the developmentally

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1126 inappropriate symptoms of moderate to severe distractibility, 1127 short attention span, hyperactivity, emotional lability, and 1128 impulsivity; or drug-induced brain dysfunction.

b. The differential diagnostic psychiatric evaluation of depression or the treatment of depression shown to be refractory to other therapeutic modalities.

1132 c. The clinical investigation of the effects of such drugs 1133 or compounds when an investigative protocol is submitted to, 1134 reviewed by, and approved by the department before such 1135 investigation is begun.

4. Prescribing, ordering, dispensing, administering, 1136 1137 supplying, selling, or giving growth hormones, testosterone or 1138 its analogs, human chorionic gonadotropin (HCG), or other 1139 hormones for the purpose of muscle building or to enhance athletic performance. As used in this subparagraph, the term 1140 "muscle building" does not include the treatment of injured 1141 1142 muscle. A prescription written for the drug products identified 1143 in this subparagraph may be dispensed by a pharmacist with the 1144 presumption that the prescription is for legitimate medical use.

5. Promoting or advertising on any prescription form a community pharmacy unless the form also states: "This prescription may be filled at any pharmacy of your choice."

1148 6. Prescribing, dispensing, administering, mixing, or
1149 otherwise preparing a legend drug, including a controlled
1150 substance, other than in the course of his or her professional

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1151 practice. For the purposes of this subparagraph, it is legally presumed that prescribing, dispensing, administering, mixing, or 1152 1153 otherwise preparing legend drugs, including all controlled 1154 substances, inappropriately or in excessive or inappropriate 1155 quantities is not in the best interest of the patient and is not 1156 in the course of the advanced practice registered nurse's nurse 1157 practitioner's professional practice, without regard to his or 1158 her intent.

1159 7. Prescribing, dispensing, or administering a medicinal 1160 drug appearing on any schedule set forth in chapter 893 to 1161 himself or herself, except a drug prescribed, dispensed, or 1162 administered to the advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse <u>or the</u> 1163 <u>independent advanced practice registered nurse</u> practitioner by 1164 another practitioner authorized to prescribe, dispense, or 1165 administer medicinal drugs.

1166 8. Prescribing, ordering, dispensing, administering, 1167 supplying, selling, or giving amygdalin (laetrile) to any 1168 person.

9. Dispensing a substance designated in s. 893.03(2) or
(3) as a substance controlled in Schedule II or Schedule III,
respectively, in violation of s. 465.0276.

1172 10. Promoting or advertising through any communication 1173 medium the use, sale, or dispensing of a substance designated in 1174 s. 893.03 as a controlled substance.

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1175	(r) For an independent advanced practice registered nurse
1176	registered under s. 464.0125:
1177	1. Paying or receiving any commission, bonus, kickback, or
1178	rebate, or engaging in any split-fee arrangement in any form
1179	whatsoever with a health care practitioner, organization,
1180	agency, or person, either directly or indirectly, for patients
1181	referred to providers of health care goods and services,
1182	including, but not limited to, hospitals, nursing homes,
1183	clinical laboratories, ambulatory surgical centers, or
1184	pharmacies. This subparagraph may not be construed to prevent an
1185	independent advanced practice registered nurse from receiving a
1186	fee for professional consultation services.
1187	2. Exercising influence within a patient-independent
1188	advanced practice registered nurse relationship for purposes of
1189	engaging a patient in sexual activity. A patient shall be
1190	presumed to be incapable of giving free, full, and informed
1191	consent to sexual activity with his or her independent advanced
1192	practice registered nurse.
1193	3. Making deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations
1194	in or related to the practice of advanced or specialized nursing
1195	or employing a trick or scheme in the practice of advanced or
1196	specialized nursing.
1197	4. Soliciting patients, either personally or through an
1198	agent, through the use of fraud, intimidation, undue influence,
1199	or a form of overreaching or vexatious conduct. A solicitation
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1200	is any communication that directly or implicitly requests an
1201	immediate oral response from the recipient.
1202	5. Failing to keep legible, as defined by department rule
1203	in consultation with the board, medical records that identify
1204	the independent advanced practice registered nurse by name and
1205	professional title who is responsible for rendering, ordering,
1206	supervising, or billing for each diagnostic or treatment
1207	procedure and that justify the course of treatment of the
1208	patient, including, but not limited to, patient histories;
1209	examination results; test results; records of drugs prescribed,
1210	dispensed, or administered; and reports of consultations or
1211	referrals.
1212	6. Exercising influence on a patient or client in a manner
1213	as to exploit the patient or client for the financial gain of
1214	the licensee or of a third party, which shall include, but not
1215	be limited to, the promoting or selling of services, goods,
1216	appliances, or drugs.
1217	7. Performing professional services that have not been
1218	duly authorized by the patient or client, or his or her legal
1219	representative, except as provided in s. 766.103 or s. 768.13.
1220	8. Performing any procedure or prescribing any therapy
1221	that, by the prevailing standards of advanced or specialized
1222	nursing practice in the community, would constitute
1223	experimentation on a human subject, without first obtaining
1224	full, informed, and written consent.
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1225 9. Delegating professional responsibilities to a person 1226 when the licensee delegating the responsibilities knows or has 1227 reason to know that the person is not qualified by training, 1228 experience, or licensure to perform such responsibilities. 1229 10. Conspiring with another independent advanced practice 1230 registered nurse or with any other person to commit an act, or 1231 committing an act, which would tend to coerce, intimidate, or 1232 preclude another independent advanced practice registered nurse 1233 from lawfully advertising his or her services. 1234 Advertising or holding oneself out as having 11. 1235 certification in a specialty that the independent advanced 1236 practice registered nurse has not received. 1237 12. Failing to comply with the requirements of ss. 381.026 1238 and 381.0261 to provide patients with information about their 1239 patient rights and how to file a patient complaint. 1240 13. Providing deceptive or fraudulent expert witness 1241 testimony related to the advanced or specialized practice of 1242 nursing. 1243 Section 12. Paragraph (c) of subsection (5) and paragraph 1244 (a) of subsection (6) of section 39.303, Florida Statutes, are 1245 amended to read: 1246 39.303 Child protection teams; services; eligible cases.-1247 All abuse and neglect cases transmitted for (5) investigation to a district by the hotline must be 1248 1249 simultaneously transmitted to the Department of Health child

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1250 protection team for review. For the purpose of determining 1251 whether face-to-face medical evaluation by a child protection 1252 team is necessary, all cases transmitted to the child protection 1253 team which meet the criteria in subsection (4) must be timely 1254 reviewed by:

(c) An advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse <u>certified or an</u> independent advanced practice registered nurse registered practitioner licensed under chapter 464 who has a specialty in pediatrics or family medicine and is a member of a child protection team;

1260 (6) A face-to-face medical evaluation by a child 1261 protection team is not necessary when:

1262 The child was examined for the alleged abuse or (a) 1263 neglect by a physician or an independent advanced practice 1264 registered nurse who is not a member of the child protection 1265 team, and a consultation between the child protection team 1266 board-certified pediatrician, advanced practice registered nurse 1267 practitioner, physician assistant working under the supervision 1268 of a child protection team board-certified pediatrician, or 1269 registered nurse working under the direct supervision of a child 1270 protection team board-certified pediatrician, and the examining 1271 practitioner physician concludes that a further medical 1272 evaluation is unnecessary;

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1274 Notwithstanding paragraphs (a), (b), and (c), a child protection

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1275 team pediatrician, as authorized in subsection (5), may determine that a face-to-face medical evaluation is necessary. 1276 1277 Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 1278 39.304, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1279 39.304 Photographs, medical examinations, X rays, and 1280 medical treatment of abused, abandoned, or neglected child.-1281 (1)1282 If the areas of trauma visible on a child indicate a (b) 1283 need for a medical examination, or if the child verbally 1284 complains or otherwise exhibits distress as a result of injury 1285 through suspected child abuse, abandonment, or neglect, or is 1286 alleged to have been sexually abused, the person required to 1287 investigate may cause the child to be referred for diagnosis to 1288 a licensed physician, a physician assistant, an independent 1289 advanced practice registered nurse, or an emergency department 1290 in a hospital without the consent of the child's parents or 1291 legal custodian. Such examination may be performed by a any 1292 licensed physician, a physician assistant, a registered 1293 independent advanced practice registered nurse, or a certified 1294 an advanced practice registered nurse practitioner licensed 1295 pursuant to part I of chapter 464. Any examining practitioner 1296 licensed physician, or advanced registered nurse practitioner 1297 licensed pursuant to part I of chapter 464, who has reasonable cause to suspect that an injury was the result of child abuse, 1298 1299 abandonment, or neglect may authorize a radiological examination

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1300 to be performed on the child without the consent of the child's 1301 parent or legal custodian.

1302 Section 14. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section1303 90.503, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

90.503 Psychotherapist-patient privilege.-

(1) For purposes of this section:

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(a) A "psychotherapist" is:

1307 1. A person authorized to practice medicine in any state 1308 or nation, or reasonably believed by the patient so to be, who 1309 is engaged in the diagnosis or treatment of a mental or 1310 emotional condition, including alcoholism and other drug 1311 addiction;

1312 2. A person licensed or certified as a psychologist under 1313 the laws of any state or nation, who is engaged primarily in the 1314 diagnosis or treatment of a mental or emotional condition, 1315 including alcoholism and other drug addiction;

1316 3. A person licensed or certified as a clinical social 1317 worker, marriage and family therapist, or mental health 1318 counselor under the laws of this state, who is engaged primarily 1319 in the diagnosis or treatment of a mental or emotional 1320 condition, including alcoholism and other drug addiction;

1321 4. Treatment personnel of facilities licensed by the state
1322 pursuant to chapter 394, chapter 395, or chapter 397, of
1323 facilities designated by the Department of Children and Families
1324 pursuant to chapter 394 as treatment facilities, or of

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1325 facilities defined as community mental health centers pursuant 1326 to s. 394.907(1), who are engaged primarily in the diagnosis or 1327 treatment of a mental or emotional condition, including 1328 alcoholism and other drug addiction; or

1329 5. An <u>independent advanced practice registered nurse or</u> 1330 advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse practitioner certified under 1331 s. 464.012, whose primary scope of practice is the diagnosis or 1332 treatment of mental or emotional conditions, including chemical 1333 abuse, and limited only to actions performed in accordance with 1334 part I of chapter 464.

1335 Section 15. Subsection (7) of section 110.12315, Florida
1336 Statutes, is amended to read:

1337 110.12315 Prescription drug program.—The state employees' 1338 prescription drug program is established. This program shall be 1339 administered by the Department of Management Services, according 1340 to the terms and conditions of the plan as established by the 1341 relevant provisions of the annual General Appropriations Act and 1342 implementing legislation, subject to the following conditions:

(7) The department shall establish the reimbursement schedule for prescription pharmaceuticals dispensed under the program. Reimbursement rates for a prescription pharmaceutical must be based on the cost of the generic equivalent drug if a generic equivalent exists, unless the physician, <u>independent</u> advanced practice registered nurse, advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse <u>practitioner</u>, or physician assistant prescribing the

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pharmaceutical clearly states on the prescription that the brand name drug is medically necessary or that the drug product is included on the formulary of drug products that may not be interchanged as provided in chapter 465, in which case reimbursement must be based on the cost of the brand name drug as specified in the reimbursement schedule adopted by the department.

1357Section 16. Paragraph (e) of subsection (8) of section1358112.0455, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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112.0455 Drug-Free Workplace Act.-

(8) PROCEDURES AND EMPLOYEE PROTECTION.—All specimen collection and testing for drugs under this section shall be performed in accordance with the following procedures:

(e) A specimen for a drug test may be taken or collectedby any of the following persons:

1365 1. A physician, a <u>physician</u> physician's assistant, <u>an</u> 1366 <u>independent advanced practice registered nurse, an advanced</u> 1367 <u>practice registered nurse</u>, a registered professional nurse, a 1368 licensed practical nurse, a nurse practitioner, or a certified 1369 paramedic who is present at the scene of an accident for the 1370 purpose of rendering emergency medical service or treatment.

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 2. A qualified person employed by a licensed laboratory.
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 Section 17. Paragraph (f) of subsection (3) of section
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 121.0515, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
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 121.0515 Special Risk Class.-

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1375 (3)CRITERIA.-A member, to be designated as a special risk 1376 member, must meet the following criteria: 1377 (f) Effective January 1, 2001, the member must be employed 1378 in one of the following classes and must spend at least 75 1379 percent of his or her time performing duties which involve 1380 contact with patients or inmates in a correctional or forensic 1381 facility or institution: 1382 1. Dietitian (class codes 5203 and 5204); 1383 2. Public health nutrition consultant (class code 5224); 1384 3. Psychological specialist (class codes 5230 and 5231); 1385 Psychologist (class code 5234); 4. 1386 5. Senior psychologist (class codes 5237 and 5238); 1387 6. Regional mental health consultant (class code 5240); 1388 7. Psychological Services Director-DCF (class code 5242); 1389 8. Pharmacist (class codes 5245 and 5246); 1390 9. Senior pharmacist (class codes 5248 and 5249); 1391 10. Dentist (class code 5266); 1392 11. Senior dentist (class code 5269); 1393 12. Registered nurse (class codes 5290 and 5291); 1394 13. Senior registered nurse (class codes 5292 and 5293); 1395 14. Registered nurse specialist (class codes 5294 and 1396 5295); 15. Clinical associate (class codes 5298 and 5299); 1397 1398 16. Advanced practice registered nurse practitioner (class codes 5297 and 5300); 1399

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1400 Advanced practice registered nurse practitioner 17. 1401 specialist (class codes 5304 and 5305); 1402 18. Registered nurse supervisor (class codes 5306 and 5307); 1403 1404 19. Senior registered nurse supervisor (class codes 5308 1405 and 5309); 1406 20. Registered nursing consultant (class codes 5312 and 1407 5313); 1408 21. Quality management program supervisor (class code 1409 5314); 1410 22. Executive nursing director (class codes 5320 and 1411 5321); 23. Speech and hearing therapist (class code 5406); or 1412 1413 24. Pharmacy manager (class code 5251); 1414 Section 18. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 252.515, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1415 1416 252.515 Postdisaster Relief Assistance Act; immunity from civil liability.-1417 1418 (3) As used in this section, the term: 1419 "Emergency first responder" means: (a) A physician licensed under chapter 458. 1420 1. 1421 2. An osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459. 1422 A chiropractic physician licensed under chapter 460. 3. 1423 4. A podiatric physician licensed under chapter 461. 5. A dentist licensed under chapter 466. 1424

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1425 An advanced practice registered nurse practitioner 6. certified under s. 464.012. 1426 1427 7. A physician assistant licensed under s. 458.347 or s. 459.022. 1428 1429 8. A worker employed by a public or private hospital in 1430 the state. 9. A paramedic as defined in s. 401.23(17). 1431 1432 10. An emergency medical technician as defined in s. 401.23(11). 1433 1434 11. A firefighter as defined in s. 633.102. 1435 12. A law enforcement officer as defined in s. 943.10. 1436 13. A member of the Florida National Guard. Any other personnel designated as emergency personnel 1437 14. 1438 by the Governor pursuant to a declared emergency. 1439 Section 19. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 1440 310.071, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1441 310.071 Deputy pilot certification.-In addition to meeting other requirements specified in 1442 (1)1443 this chapter, each applicant for certification as a deputy pilot 1444 must: 1445 (C) Be in good physical and mental health, as evidenced by 1446 documentary proof of having satisfactorily passed a complete physical examination administered by a licensed physician, 1447 licensed physician assistant, or registered independent advanced 1448 practice registered nurse within the preceding 6 months. The 1449

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1450 board shall adopt rules to establish requirements for passing 1451 the physical examination, which rules shall establish minimum 1452 standards for the physical or mental capabilities necessary to 1453 carry out the professional duties of a certificated deputy 1454 pilot. Such standards shall include zero tolerance for any 1455 controlled substance regulated under chapter 893 unless that 1456 individual is under the care of a physician, an independent 1457 advanced practice registered nurse, an advanced practice 1458 registered nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant and that 1459 controlled substance was prescribed by that physician, 1460 independent advanced practice registered nurse, advanced 1461 practice registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. 1462 To maintain eligibility as a certificated deputy pilot, each 1463 certificated deputy pilot must annually provide documentary proof of having satisfactorily passed a complete physical 1464 examination administered by a licensed physician, licensed 1465 1466 physician assistant, or registered independent advanced practice 1467 registered nurse. The practitioner physician must know the 1468 minimum standards and certify that the certificateholder 1469 satisfactorily meets the standards. The standards for certificateholders shall include a drug test. 1470 1471 Section 20. Subsection (3) of section 310.073, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1472

1473310.073State pilot licensing.—In addition to meeting1474other requirements specified in this chapter, each applicant for

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1475 license as a state pilot must:

Be in good physical and mental health, as evidenced by 1476 (3) 1477 documentary proof of having satisfactorily passed a complete 1478 physical examination administered by a licensed physician, 1479 licensed physician assistant, or registered independent advanced 1480 practice registered nurse within the preceding 6 months. The 1481 board shall adopt rules to establish requirements for passing 1482 the physical examination, which rules shall establish minimum 1483 standards for the physical or mental capabilities necessary to 1484 carry out the professional duties of a licensed state pilot. Such standards shall include zero tolerance for any controlled 1485 1486 substance regulated under chapter 893 unless that individual is under the care of a physician, an independent advanced practice 1487 1488 registered nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant and that controlled 1489 substance was prescribed by that physician, independent advanced 1490 1491 practice registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse 1492 practitioner, or physician assistant. To maintain eligibility as 1493 a licensed state pilot, each licensed state pilot must annually 1494 provide documentary proof of having satisfactorily passed a 1495 complete physical examination administered by a licensed 1496 physician, licensed physician assistant, or registered independent advanced practice registered nurse. The examining 1497 practitioner physician must know the minimum standards and 1498 1499 certify that the licensee satisfactorily meets the standards.

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1500 The standards for licensees shall include a drug test. 1501 Section 21. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 1502 310.081, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1503 310.081 Department to examine and license state pilots and 1504 certificate deputy pilots; vacancies.-1505 Pilots shall hold their licenses or certificates (3) 1506 pursuant to the requirements of this chapter so long as they: 1507 Are in good physical and mental health as evidenced by (b) 1508 documentary proof of having satisfactorily passed a physical 1509 examination administered by a licensed physician, an independent 1510 advanced practice registered nurse, or a physician assistant within each calendar year. The board shall adopt rules to 1511 1512 establish requirements for passing the physical examination, 1513 which rules shall establish minimum standards for the physical 1514 or mental capabilities necessary to carry out the professional 1515 duties of a licensed state pilot or a certificated deputy pilot. Such standards shall include zero tolerance for any controlled 1516 1517 substance regulated under chapter 893 unless that individual is 1518 under the care of a physician, independent advanced practice 1519 registered nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse 1520 practitioner, or a physician assistant and that controlled 1521 substance was prescribed by that physician, independent advanced practice registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse 1522 practitioner, or physician assistant. To maintain eligibility as 1523 1524 a certificated deputy pilot or licensed state pilot, each

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1525 certificated deputy pilot or licensed state pilot must annually 1526 provide documentary proof of having satisfactorily passed a 1527 complete physical examination administered by a licensed 1528 physician. The examining practitioner physician must know the 1529 minimum standards and certify that the certificateholder or 1530 licensee satisfactorily meets the standards. The standards for 1531 certificateholders and for licensees shall include a drug test. 1532 1533 Upon resignation or in the case of disability permanently 1534 affecting a pilot's ability to serve, the state license or 1535 certificate issued under this chapter shall be revoked by the 1536 department. 1537 Section 22. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 1538 320.0848, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1539 320.0848 Persons who have disabilities; issuance of 1540 disabled parking permits; temporary permits; permits for certain providers of transportation services to persons who have 1541 disabilities.-1542 1543 (1)1544 The person must be currently certified as being (b)1. 1545 legally blind or as having any of the following disabilities 1546 that render him or her unable to walk 200 feet without stopping 1547 to rest: Inability to walk without the use of or assistance from 1548 a. 1549 a brace, cane, crutch, prosthetic device, or other assistive

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device, or without the assistance of another person. If the assistive device significantly restores the person's ability to walk to the extent that the person can walk without severe limitation, the person is not eligible for the exemption parking permit.

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b. The need to permanently use a wheelchair.

c. Restriction by lung disease to the extent that the person's forced (respiratory) expiratory volume for 1 second, when measured by spirometry, is less than 1 liter, or the person's arterial oxygen is less than 60 mm/hg on room air at rest.

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d. Use of portable oxygen.

e. Restriction by cardiac condition to the extent that the
person's functional limitations are classified in severity as
Class III or Class IV according to standards set by the American
Heart Association.

1566 f. Severe limitation in the person's ability to walk due 1567 to an arthritic, neurological, or orthopedic condition.

1568 2. The certification of disability which is required under 1569 subparagraph 1. must be provided by a physician licensed under 1570 chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 460<u>;</u>, by a podiatric 1571 physician licensed under chapter 461<u>;</u>, by an optometrist 1572 licensed under chapter 463<u>;</u>, by an independent advanced practice 1573 registered nurse registered or an advanced practice registered 1574 nurse certified practitioner licensed under part I of chapter

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1575 464<u>;</u> under the protocol of a licensed physician as stated in 1576 this subparagraph, by a physician assistant licensed under 1577 chapter 458 or chapter 459<u>;</u> or by a similarly licensed 1578 physician from another state if the application is accompanied 1579 by documentation of the physician's licensure in the other state 1580 and a form signed by the out-of-state physician verifying his or 1581 her knowledge of this state's eligibility guidelines.

1582Section 23. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section1583381.00315, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1584 381.00315 Public health advisories; public health 1585 emergencies; isolation and quarantines.—The State Health Officer 1586 is responsible for declaring public health emergencies, issuing 1587 public health advisories, and ordering isolation or quarantines.

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(1) As used in this section, the term:

1589 "Public health emergency" means any occurrence, or (C) 1590 threat thereof, whether natural or manmade, which results or may 1591 result in substantial injury or harm to the public health from 1592 infectious disease, chemical agents, nuclear agents, biological 1593 toxins, or situations involving mass casualties or natural 1594 disasters. Before declaring a public health emergency, the State 1595 Health Officer shall, to the extent possible, consult with the 1596 Governor and shall notify the Chief of Domestic Security. The declaration of a public health emergency shall continue until 1597 the State Health Officer finds that the threat or danger has 1598 1599 been dealt with to the extent that the emergency conditions no

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1600 longer exist and he or she terminates the declaration. However, 1601 a declaration of a public health emergency may not continue for 1602 longer than 60 days unless the Governor concurs in the renewal 1603 of the declaration. The State Health Officer, upon declaration 1604 of a public health emergency, may take actions that are 1605 necessary to protect the public health. Such actions include, 1606 but are not limited to:

1607 Directing manufacturers of prescription drugs or over-1. 1608 the-counter drugs who are permitted under chapter 499 and 1609 wholesalers of prescription drugs located in this state who are permitted under chapter 499 to give priority to the shipping of 1610 1611 specified drugs to pharmacies and health care providers within 1612 geographic areas that have been identified by the State Health 1613 Officer. The State Health Officer must identify the drugs to be 1614 shipped. Manufacturers and wholesalers located in the state must respond to the State Health Officer's priority shipping 1615 1616 directive before shipping the specified drugs.

1617 2. Notwithstanding chapters 465 and 499 and rules adopted 1618 thereunder, directing pharmacists employed by the department to 1619 compound bulk prescription drugs and provide these bulk 1620 prescription drugs to physicians and nurses of county health 1621 departments or any qualified person authorized by the State 1622 Health Officer for administration to persons as part of a 1623 prophylactic or treatment regimen.

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3. Notwithstanding s. 456.036, temporarily reactivating

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1625 the inactive license of the following health care practitioners, 1626 when such practitioners are needed to respond to the public 1627 health emergency: physicians licensed under chapter 458 or 1628 chapter 459; physician assistants licensed under chapter 458 or 1629 chapter 459; independent advanced practice registered nurses 1630 registered, licensed practical nurses or τ registered nurses 1631 licensed, and advanced practice registered nurses certified 1632 nurse practitioners licensed under part I of chapter 464; 1633 respiratory therapists licensed under part V of chapter 468; and 1634 emergency medical technicians and paramedics certified under part III of chapter 401. Only those health care practitioners 1635 1636 specified in this paragraph who possess an unencumbered inactive 1637 license and who request that such license be reactivated are 1638 eligible for reactivation. An inactive license that is 1639 reactivated under this paragraph shall return to inactive status when the public health emergency ends or before the end of the 1640 1641 public health emergency if the State Health Officer determines 1642 that the health care practitioner is no longer needed to provide 1643 services during the public health emergency. Such licenses may 1644 only be reactivated for a period not to exceed 90 days without 1645 meeting the requirements of s. 456.036 or chapter 401, as 1646 applicable.

1647 4. Ordering an individual to be examined, tested,
1648 vaccinated, treated, isolated, or quarantined for communicable
1649 diseases that have significant morbidity or mortality and

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1650 present a severe danger to public health. Individuals who are 1651 unable or unwilling to be examined, tested, vaccinated, or 1652 treated for reasons of health, religion, or conscience may be 1653 subjected to isolation or guarantine.

a. Examination, testing, vaccination, or treatment may be
performed by any qualified person authorized by the State Health
Officer.

b. If the individual poses a danger to the public health,
the State Health Officer may subject the individual to isolation
or quarantine. If there is no practical method to isolate or
quarantine the individual, the State Health Officer may use any
means necessary to vaccinate or treat the individual.

Any order of the State Health Officer given to effectuate this paragraph shall be immediately enforceable by a law enforcement officer under s. 381.0012.

1666 Section 24. Subsection (3) of section 381.00593, Florida 1667 Statutes, is amended to read:

1668 381.00593 Public school volunteer health care practitioner 1669 program.-

1670 (3) For purposes of this section, the term "health care 1671 practitioner" means a physician <u>or physician assistant</u> licensed 1672 under chapter 458; an osteopathic physician <u>or physician</u> 1673 <u>assistant</u> licensed under chapter 459; a chiropractic physician 1674 licensed under chapter 460; a podiatric physician licensed under

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1675 chapter 461; an optometrist licensed under chapter 463; an 1676 independent advanced practice registered nurse registered, an 1677 advanced practice registered nurse certified practitioner, or a 1678 registered nurse τ or licensed practical nurse licensed under 1679 part I of chapter 464; a pharmacist licensed under chapter 465; 1680 a dentist or dental hygienist licensed under chapter 466; a 1681 midwife licensed under chapter 467; a speech-language 1682 pathologist or audiologist licensed under part I of chapter 468; 1683 a dietitian/nutritionist licensed under part X of chapter 468; 1684 or a physical therapist licensed under chapter 486. 1685 Section 25. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 1686 381.026, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1687 381.026 Florida Patient's Bill of Rights and Responsibilities.-1688 1689 DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section and s. 381.0261, (2)1690 the term: 1691 (C) "Health care provider" means a physician or physician 1692 assistant licensed under chapter 458, an osteopathic physician 1693 or physician assistant licensed under chapter 459, or a 1694 podiatric physician licensed under chapter 461, or an 1695 independent advanced practice registered nurse registered under 1696 part I of chapter 464. 1697 Section 26. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and 1698 subsections (3), (4), and (5) of section 382.008, Florida 1699 Statutes, are amended to read:

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382.008 Death and fetal death registration.-

1701 (2) (a) The funeral director who first assumes custody of a 1702 dead body or fetus shall file the certificate of death or fetal 1703 death. In the absence of the funeral director, the physician, 1704 physician assistant, independent advanced practice registered 1705 nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, or other person in 1706 attendance at or after the death or the district medical 1707 examiner of the county in which the death occurred or the body was found shall file the certificate of death or fetal death. 1708 1709 The person who files the certificate shall obtain personal data 1710 from a legally authorized person as described in s. 497.005 or 1711 the best qualified person or source available. The medical certification of cause of death shall be furnished to the 1712 1713 funeral director, either in person or via certified mail or electronic transfer, by the physician, physician assistant, 1714 independent advanced practice registered nurse, advanced 1715 1716 practice registered nurse, or medical examiner responsible for 1717 furnishing such information. For fetal deaths, the physician, 1718 certified nurse midwife, midwife, or hospital administrator 1719 shall provide any medical or health information to the funeral 1720 director within 72 hours after expulsion or extraction.

1721 Within 72 hours after receipt of a death or fetal (3) death certificate from the funeral director, the medical 1722 certification of cause of death shall be completed and made 1723 1724 available to the funeral director by the decedent's primary or

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1725 attending practitioner physician or, if s. 382.011 applies, the 1726 district medical examiner of the county in which the death 1727 occurred or the body was found. The primary or attending 1728 practitioner physician or the medical examiner shall certify 1729 over his or her signature the cause of death to the best of his 1730 or her knowledge and belief. As used in this section, the term 1731 "primary or attending practitioner physician" means a physician, a physician assistant, an independent advanced practice 1732 1733 registered nurse, or an advanced practice registered nurse, who 1734 treated the decedent through examination, medical advice, or medication during the 12 months preceding the date of death. 1735

(a) The department may grant the funeral director an
extension of time upon a good and sufficient showing of any of
the following conditions:

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1. An autopsy is pending.

1740 2. Toxicology, laboratory, or other diagnostic reports1741 have not been completed.

1742 3. The identity of the decedent is unknown and further1743 investigation or identification is required.

(b) If the decedent's primary or attending <u>practitioner</u> physician or <u>the</u> district medical examiner of the county in which the death occurred or the body was found indicates that he or she will sign and complete the medical certification of cause of death but will not be available until after the 5-day registration deadline, the local registrar may grant an

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1750 extension of 5 days. If a further extension is required, the 1751 funeral director must provide written justification to the 1752 registrar.

1753 If the department or local registrar grants an (4) 1754 extension of time to provide the medical certification of cause 1755 of death, the funeral director shall file a temporary 1756 certificate of death or fetal death which shall contain all 1757 available information, including the fact that the cause of 1758 death is pending. The decedent's primary or attending 1759 practitioner physician or the district medical examiner of the 1760 county in which the death occurred or the body was found shall 1761 provide an estimated date for completion of the permanent certificate. 1762

1763 (5) A permanent certificate of death or fetal death, 1764 containing the cause of death and any other information that was 1765 previously unavailable, shall be registered as a replacement for 1766 the temporary certificate. The permanent certificate may also 1767 include corrected information if the items being corrected are 1768 noted on the back of the certificate and dated and signed by the 1769 funeral director, physician, physician assistant, independent 1770 advanced practice registered nurse, advanced practice registered 1771 nurse, or district medical examiner of the county in which the 1772 death occurred or the body was found, as appropriate.

1773 Section 27. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 1774 383.14, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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1775	383.14 Screening for metabolic disorders, other hereditary
1776	and congenital disorders, and environmental risk factors
1777	(1) SCREENING REQUIREMENTSTo help ensure access to the
1778	maternal and child health care system, the Department of Health
1779	shall promote the screening of all newborns born in Florida for
1780	metabolic, hereditary, and congenital disorders known to result
1781	in significant impairment of health or intellect, as screening
1782	programs accepted by current medical practice become available
1783	and practical in the judgment of the department. The department
1784	shall also promote the identification and screening of all
1785	newborns in this state and their families for environmental risk
1786	factors such as low income, poor education, maternal and family
1787	stress, emotional instability, substance abuse, and other high-
1788	risk conditions associated with increased risk of infant
1789	mortality and morbidity to provide early intervention,
1790	remediation, and prevention services, including, but not limited
1791	to, parent support and training programs, home visitation, and
1792	case management. Identification, perinatal screening, and
1793	intervention efforts shall begin prior to and immediately
1794	following the birth of the child by the attending health care
1795	provider. Such efforts shall be conducted in hospitals,
1796	perinatal centers, county health departments, school health
1797	programs that provide prenatal care, and birthing centers, and
1798	reported to the Office of Vital Statistics.
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(c) Release of screening results.-Notwithstanding any law

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1800 to the contrary, the State Public Health Laboratory may release, 1801 directly or through the Children's Medical Services program, the 1802 results of a newborn's hearing and metabolic tests or screenings 1803 to the newborn's health care practitioner. As used in this 1804 paragraph, the term "health care practitioner" means a physician 1805 or physician assistant licensed under chapter 458; an 1806 osteopathic physician or physician assistant licensed under 1807 chapter 459; an independent advanced practice registered nurse 1808 registered, an advanced practice registered nurse certified 1809 practitioner, or a registered nurse, or licensed practical nurse licensed under part I of chapter 464; a midwife licensed under 1810 1811 chapter 467; a speech-language pathologist or audiologist licensed under part I of chapter 468; or a dietician or 1812 1813 nutritionist licensed under part X of chapter 468. Section 28. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 1814 383.141, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1815 1816 383.141 Prenatally diagnosed conditions; patient to be 1817 provided information; definitions; information clearinghouse; 1818 advisory council.-As used in this section, the term: 1819 (1)1820 "Health care provider" means a practitioner licensed (C) 1821 or registered under chapter 458 or chapter 459 or an independent 1822 advanced practice registered nurse registered or an advanced

1823 <u>practice</u> registered nurse practitioner certified under <u>part I of</u> 1824 chapter 464.

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1825 Section 29. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 1826 384.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1827 384.27 Physical examination and treatment.-1828 (7) (a) A health care practitioner licensed under chapter 1829 458 or chapter 459, registered under s. 464.0125, or certified 1830 under s. 464.012 may provide expedited partner therapy if the 1831 following requirements are met: 1832 The patient has a laboratory-confirmed or suspected 1. 1833 clinical diagnosis of a sexually transmissible disease. 1834 2. The patient indicates that he or she has a partner with 1835 whom he or she engaged in sexual activity before the diagnosis 1836 of the sexually transmissible disease. 1837 3. The patient indicates that his or her partner is unable 1838 or unlikely to seek clinical services in a timely manner. Section 30. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 1839 390.0111, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 1840 390.0111 1841 Termination of pregnancies.-1842 CONSENTS REQUIRED .- A termination of pregnancy may not (3) 1843 be performed or induced except with the voluntary and informed 1844 written consent of the pregnant woman or, in the case of a 1845 mental incompetent, the voluntary and informed written consent of her court-appointed guardian. 1846 Except in the case of a medical emergency, consent to 1847 (a) a termination of pregnancy is voluntary and informed only if: 1848 1849 The physician who is to perform the procedure, or the 1.

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1850 referring physician, has, at a minimum, orally, while physically
1851 present in the same room, and at least 24 hours before the
1852 procedure, informed the woman of:

a. The nature and risks of undergoing or not undergoing
the proposed procedure that a reasonable patient would consider
material to making a knowing and willful decision of whether to
terminate a pregnancy.

1857 b. The probable gestational age of the fetus, verified by
1858 an ultrasound, at the time the termination of pregnancy is to be
1859 performed.

(I) The ultrasound must be performed by the physician who is to perform the abortion or by a person having documented evidence that he or she has completed a course in the operation of ultrasound equipment as prescribed by rule and who is working in conjunction with the physician.

The person performing the ultrasound must offer the 1865 (II)1866 woman the opportunity to view the live ultrasound images and 1867 hear an explanation of them. If the woman accepts the 1868 opportunity to view the images and hear the explanation, a 1869 physician or a registered nurse, a licensed practical nurse, an 1870 advanced practice registered nurse practitioner, an independent 1871 advanced practice registered nurse, or a physician assistant 1872 working in conjunction with the physician must contemporaneously review and explain the images to the woman before the woman 1873 1874 gives informed consent to having an abortion procedure

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1875 performed.

1876 The woman has a right to decline to view and hear (III) 1877 the explanation of the live ultrasound images after she is 1878 informed of her right and offered an opportunity to view the 1879 images and hear the explanation. If the woman declines, the 1880 woman shall complete a form acknowledging that she was offered 1881 an opportunity to view and hear the explanation of the images 1882 but that she declined that opportunity. The form must also 1883 indicate that the woman's decision was not based on any undue 1884 influence from any person to discourage her from viewing the 1885 images or hearing the explanation and that she declined of her 1886 own free will.

(IV) Unless requested by the woman, the person performing 1887 1888 the ultrasound may not offer the opportunity to view the images 1889 and hear the explanation and the explanation may not be given if, at the time the woman schedules or arrives for her 1890 1891 appointment to obtain an abortion, a copy of a restraining 1892 order, police report, medical record, or other court order or 1893 documentation is presented which provides evidence that the 1894 woman is obtaining the abortion because the woman is a victim of 1895 rape, incest, domestic violence, or human trafficking or that 1896 the woman has been diagnosed as having a condition that, on the basis of a physician's good faith clinical judgment, would 1897 create a serious risk of substantial and irreversible impairment 1898 1899 of a major bodily function if the woman delayed terminating her

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1900 pregnancy.

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1901 c. The medical risks to the woman and fetus of carrying 1902 the pregnancy to term.

1904 The physician may provide the information required in this 1905 subparagraph within 24 hours before the procedure if requested 1906 by the woman at the time she schedules or arrives for her 1907 appointment to obtain an abortion and if she presents to the 1908 physician a copy of a restraining order, police report, medical 1909 record, or other court order or documentation evidencing that 1910 she is obtaining the abortion because she is a victim of rape, 1911 incest, domestic violence, or human trafficking.

1912 2. Printed materials prepared and provided by the 1913 department have been provided to the pregnant woman, if she 1914 chooses to view these materials, including:

1915 a. A description of the fetus, including a description of1916 the various stages of development.

1917 b. A list of entities that offer alternatives to1918 terminating the pregnancy.

1919 c. Detailed information on the availability of medical 1920 assistance benefits for prenatal care, childbirth, and neonatal 1921 care.

1922 3. The woman acknowledges in writing, before the 1923 termination of pregnancy, that the information required to be 1924 provided under this subsection has been provided.

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1925 Nothing in this paragraph is intended to prohibit a physician 1926 1927 from providing any additional information which the physician 1928 deems material to the woman's informed decision to terminate her 1929 pregnancy. 1930 Section 31. Paragraphs (c), (e), and (f) of subsection (3) 1931 of section 390.012, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 1932 390.012 Powers of agency; rules; disposal of fetal 1933 remains.-1934 (3) For clinics that perform or claim to perform abortions 1935 after the first trimester of pregnancy, the agency shall adopt 1936 rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54 to implement the provisions of this chapter, including the following: 1937 1938 (c) Rules relating to abortion clinic personnel. At a 1939 minimum, these rules shall require that: The abortion clinic designate a medical director who is 1940 1. 1941 licensed to practice medicine in this state, and all physicians 1942 who perform abortions in the clinic have admitting privileges at 1943 a hospital within reasonable proximity to the clinic, unless the 1944 clinic has a written patient transfer agreement with a hospital 1945 within reasonable proximity to the clinic which includes the transfer of the patient's medical records held by both the 1946 clinic and the treating physician. 1947 If a physician is not present after an abortion is 1948 2.

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performed, a registered nurse, a licensed practical nurse, an

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1950 <u>independent advanced practice registered nurse, an</u> advanced 1951 <u>practice</u> registered nurse practitioner, or <u>a</u> physician assistant 1952 be present and remain at the clinic to provide postoperative 1953 monitoring and care until the patient is discharged.

1954 3. Surgical assistants receive training in counseling,
1955 patient advocacy, and the specific responsibilities associated
1956 with the services the surgical assistants provide.

1957 4. Volunteers receive training in the specific
1958 responsibilities associated with the services the volunteers
1959 provide, including counseling and patient advocacy as provided
1960 in the rules adopted by the director for different types of
1961 volunteers based on their responsibilities.

(e) Rules relating to the abortion procedure. At aminimum, these rules shall require:

That a physician, <u>a</u> registered nurse, <u>a</u> licensed
 practical nurse, <u>an</u> advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse
 practitioner, <u>an independent advanced practice registered nurse</u>,
 or <u>a</u> physician assistant is available to all patients throughout
 the abortion procedure.

1969 2. Standards for the safe conduct of abortion procedures 1970 that conform to obstetric standards in keeping with established 1971 standards of care regarding the estimation of fetal age as 1972 defined in rule.

1973 3. Appropriate use of general and local anesthesia,1974 analgesia, and sedation if ordered by the physician.

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1975 4. Appropriate precautions, such as the establishment of
1976 intravenous access at least for patients undergoing post-first
1977 trimester abortions.

1978 5. Appropriate monitoring of the vital signs and other 1979 defined signs and markers of the patient's status throughout the 1980 abortion procedure and during the recovery period until the 1981 patient's condition is deemed to be stable in the recovery room.

1982 (f) Rules that prescribe minimum recovery room standards.1983 At a minimum, these rules must require that:

1984 1. Postprocedure recovery rooms be supervised and staffed 1985 to meet the patients' needs.

1986 2. Immediate postprocedure care consist of observation in 1987 a supervised recovery room for as long as the patient's 1988 condition warrants.

1989 3. A registered nurse, <u>a</u> licensed practical nurse, <u>an</u> advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse <u>practitioner</u>, <u>an independent</u> <u>advanced practice registered nurse</u>, or physician assistant who is trained in the management of the recovery area and is capable of providing basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation and related emergency procedures remain on the premises of the abortion clinic until all patients are discharged.

1996 4. A physician sign the discharge order and be readily 1997 accessible and available until the last patient is discharged to 1998 facilitate the transfer of emergency cases if hospitalization of 1999 the patient or viable fetus is necessary.

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5. A physician discuss Rho(D) immune globulin with each patient for whom it is indicated and ensure that it is offered to the patient in the immediate postoperative period or will be available to her within 72 hours after completion of the abortion procedure. If the patient refuses the Rho(D) immune globulin, she and a witness must sign a refusal form approved by the agency which must be included in the medical record.

6. Written instructions with regard to postabortion coitus, signs of possible problems, and general aftercare which are specific to the patient be given to each patient. The instructions must include information regarding access to medical care for complications, including a telephone number for use in the event of a medical emergency.

2013 7. A minimum length of time be specified, by type of
2014 abortion procedure and duration of gestation, during which a
2015 patient must remain in the recovery room.

8. The physician ensure that, with the patient's consent, a registered nurse, <u>a</u> licensed practical nurse, <u>an</u> advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse <u>practitioner</u>, <u>an independent advance</u> <u>practice registered nurse</u>, or <u>a</u> physician assistant from the abortion clinic makes a good faith effort to contact the patient by telephone within 24 hours after surgery to assess the patient's recovery.

2023 9. Equipment and services be readily accessible to provide 2024 appropriate emergency resuscitative and life support procedures

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2025 pending the transfer of the patient or viable fetus to the 2026 hospital. 2027 Section 32. Subsection (35) of section 394.455, Florida 2028 Statutes, is amended to read: 2029 394.455 Definitions.-As used in this part, the term: 2030 (35) "Psychiatric nurse" means an advanced practice 2031 registered nurse practitioner certified or an independent 2032 advanced practice registered nurse registered under part I of chapter 464 s. 464.012 who has a master's or doctoral degree in 2033 2034 psychiatric nursing, holds a national advanced practice 2035 certification as a psychiatric mental health advanced practice 2036 nurse, and has 2 years of post-master's clinical experience 2037 under the supervision of a physician, or an independent advanced 2038 practice registered nurse registered under, or an advanced 2039 practice registered nurse certified under, part I of chapter 2040 464, who obtains national certification as a psychiatric-mental 2041 health advanced practice nurse. 2042 Section 33. Paragraphs (a) and (f) of subsection (2) of 2043 section 394.463, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 2044 394.463 Involuntary examination.-2045 (2) INVOLUNTARY EXAMINATION.-2046 An involuntary examination may be initiated by any one (a) of the following means: 2047 2048 A circuit or county court may enter an ex parte order 1. 2049 stating that a person appears to meet the criteria for Page 82 of 185

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2050 involuntary examination and specifying the findings on which that conclusion is based. The ex parte order for involuntary 2051 2052 examination must be based on written or oral sworn testimony 2053 that includes specific facts that support the findings. If other 2054 less restrictive means are not available, such as voluntary 2055 appearance for outpatient evaluation, a law enforcement officer, 2056 or other designated agent of the court, shall take the person 2057 into custody and deliver him or her to an appropriate, or the 2058 nearest, facility within the designated receiving system 2059 pursuant to s. 394.462 for involuntary examination. The order of 2060 the court shall be made a part of the patient's clinical record. 2061 A fee may not be charged for the filing of an order under this 2062 subsection. A facility accepting the patient based on this order 2063 must send a copy of the order to the department the next working 2064 day. The order may be submitted electronically through existing 2065 data systems, if available. The order shall be valid only until 2066 the person is delivered to the facility or for the period 2067 specified in the order itself, whichever comes first. If no time 2068 limit is specified in the order, the order shall be valid for 7 2069 days after the date that the order was signed.

2070 2. A law enforcement officer shall take a person who 2071 appears to meet the criteria for involuntary examination into 2072 custody and deliver the person or have him or her delivered to 2073 an appropriate, or the nearest, facility within the designated 2074 receiving system pursuant to s. 394.462 for examination. The

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2075 officer shall execute a written report detailing the 2076 circumstances under which the person was taken into custody, 2077 which must be made a part of the patient's clinical record. Any 2078 facility accepting the patient based on this report must send a 2079 copy of the report to the department the next working day.

2080 A physician, a physician assistant, a clinical 3. 2081 psychologist, a psychiatric nurse, an independent advanced 2082 practice registered nurse, an advanced practice registered 2083 nurse, a mental health counselor, a marriage and family 2084 therapist, or a clinical social worker may execute a certificate 2085 stating that he or she has examined a person within the 2086 preceding 48 hours and finds that the person appears to meet the 2087 criteria for involuntary examination and stating the 2088 observations upon which that conclusion is based. If other less 2089 restrictive means, such as voluntary appearance for outpatient 2090 evaluation, are not available, a law enforcement officer shall 2091 take into custody the person named in the certificate and 2092 deliver him or her to the appropriate, or nearest, facility 2093 within the designated receiving system pursuant to s. 394.462 2094 for involuntary examination. The law enforcement officer shall 2095 execute a written report detailing the circumstances under which 2096 the person was taken into custody. The report and certificate shall be made a part of the patient's clinical record. Any 2097 facility accepting the patient based on this certificate must 2098 2099 send a copy of the certificate to the department the next

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2100 working day. The document may be submitted electronically 2101 through existing data systems, if applicable.

2102 (f) A patient shall be examined by a physician, a 2103 physician assistant, or a clinical psychologist, or by a 2104 psychiatric nurse performing within the framework of an 2105 established protocol with a psychiatrist at a facility without 2106 unnecessary delay to determine if the criteria for involuntary 2107 services are met. Emergency treatment may be provided upon the 2108 order of a physician if the physician determines that such 2109 treatment is necessary for the safety of the patient or others. The patient may not be released by the receiving facility or its 2110 2111 contractor without the documented approval of a psychiatrist or 2112 a clinical psychologist or, if the receiving facility is owned 2113 or operated by a hospital or health system, the release may also 2114 be approved by a psychiatric nurse performing within the framework of an established protocol with a psychiatrist, or an 2115 2116 attending emergency department physician with experience in the 2117 diagnosis and treatment of mental illness after completion of an 2118 involuntary examination pursuant to this subsection. A 2119 psychiatric nurse may not approve the release of a patient if 2120 the involuntary examination was initiated by a psychiatrist 2121 unless the release is approved by the initiating psychiatrist.

2122 Section 34. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (2) and 2123 subsection (4) of section 395.0191, Florida Statutes, are 2124 amended to read:

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2125 395.0191 Staff membership and clinical privileges.-2126 (2) (a) Each licensed facility shall establish rules and 2127 procedures for consideration of an application for clinical 2128 privileges submitted by an independent advanced practice registered nurse registered or an advanced practice registered 2129 2130 nurse practitioner licensed and certified under part I of 2131 chapter 464, in accordance with the provisions of this section. 2132 A No licensed facility may not shall deny such application 2133 solely because the applicant is registered or certified licensed 2134 under part I of chapter 464 or because the applicant is not a 2135 participant in the Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury 2136 Compensation Plan.

2137 An advanced practice registered nurse practitioner who (b) 2138 is a certified as a registered nurse anesthetist licensed under 2139 part I of chapter 464 shall administer anesthesia under the 2140 onsite medical direction of a professional licensed under 2141 chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 466, and in accordance with 2142 an established protocol approved by the medical staff. The 2143 medical direction shall specifically address the needs of the 2144 individual patient. This paragraph does not apply to an 2145 independent advanced practice registered nurse who is a 2146 certified registered nurse anesthetist under part I of chapter 2147 464. Nothing herein shall restrict in any way the authority 2148 (4) 2149 of the medical staff of a licensed facility to review for

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2150 approval or disapproval all applications for appointment and reappointment to all categories of staff and to make 2151 2152 recommendations on each applicant to the governing board, 2153 including the delineation of privileges to be granted in each 2154 case. In making such recommendations and in the delineation of 2155 privileges, each applicant shall be considered individually 2156 pursuant to criteria for a doctor licensed under chapter 458, 2157 chapter 459, chapter 461, or chapter 466; - or for an independent 2158 advanced practice registered nurse registered or an advanced 2159 practice registered nurse practitioner licensed and certified 2160 under part I of chapter 464; τ or for a psychologist licensed 2161 under chapter 490, as applicable. The applicant's eligibility 2162 for staff membership or clinical privileges shall be determined 2163 by the applicant's background, experience, health, training, and 2164 demonstrated competency; the applicant's adherence to applicable professional ethics; the applicant's reputation; and the 2165 2166 applicant's ability to work with others and by such other 2167 elements as determined by the governing board, consistent with 2168 this part.

2169 Section 35. Subsection (3) of section 395.602, Florida 2170 Statutes, is amended to read:

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395.602 Rural hospitals.-

(3) USE OF FUNDS.—It is the intent of the Legislature that funds as appropriated shall be utilized by the department for the purpose of increasing the number of primary care physicians,

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2175 physician assistants, certified nurse midwives, certified nurse 2176 practitioners, and nurses in rural areas, either through the 2177 Medical Education Reimbursement and Loan Repayment Program as 2178 defined by s. 1009.65 or through a federal loan repayment 2179 program which requires state matching funds. The department may 2180 use funds appropriated for the Medical Education Reimbursement 2181 and Loan Repayment Program as matching funds for federal loan 2182 repayment programs for health care personnel, such as that authorized in Pub. L. No. 100-177, s. 203. If the department 2183 receives federal matching funds, the department shall only 2184 2185 implement the federal program. Reimbursement through either 2186 program shall be limited to:

(a) Primary care physicians, physician assistants, certified nurse midwives, <u>certified</u> nurse practitioners, and nurses employed by or affiliated with rural hospitals, as defined in this act; and

(b) Primary care physicians, physician assistants, certified nurse midwives, <u>certified</u> nurse practitioners, and nurses employed by or affiliated with rural area health education centers, as defined in this section. These personnel shall practice:

2196 1. In a county with a population density of no greater 2197 than 100 persons per square mile; or

2198 2. Within the boundaries of a hospital tax district which 2199 encompasses a population of no greater than 100 persons per

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2202	If the department administers a federal loan repayment program,
2203	priority shall be given to obligating state and federal matching
2204	funds pursuant to paragraphs (a) and (b). The department may use
2205	federal matching funds in other health workforce shortage areas
2206	and medically underserved areas in the state for loan repayment
2207	programs for primary care physicians, physician assistants,
2208	certified nurse midwives, certified nurse practitioners, and
2209	nurses who are employed by publicly financed health care
2210	programs that serve medically indigent persons.
2211	Section 36. Paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (8) of
2212	section 395.605, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
2213	395.605 Emergency care hospitals
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2215	(b) All patients shall be under the care of a physician $\underline{\text{or}}$
2216	an independent advanced practice registered nurse or under the
2217	care of <u>an advanced practice registered</u> a nurse practitioner or
2218	<u>a</u> physician assistant supervised by a physician.
2219	(c) A physician, an independent advanced practice
2220	registered nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse
2221	practitioner , or <u>a</u> physician assistant shall be on duty at all
2222	times, or a physician shall be on call and available within 30
2223	minutes at all times.
2224	Section 37. Subsection (33) of section 397.311, Florida

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2225 Statutes, is amended to read:

2226 397.311 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, except part 2227 VIII, the term:

2228 "Qualified professional" means a physician or a (33)2229 physician assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459; a 2230 professional licensed under chapter 490 or chapter 491; an 2231 independent advanced practice registered nurse registered or 2232 advanced practice registered nurse certified practitioner 2233 licensed under part I of chapter 464; or a person who is 2234 certified through a department-recognized certification process 2235 for substance abuse treatment services and who holds, at a 2236 minimum, a bachelor's degree. A person who is certified in 2237 substance abuse treatment services by a state-recognized 2238 certification process in another state at the time of employment with a licensed substance abuse provider in this state may 2239 2240 perform the functions of a qualified professional as defined in 2241 this chapter but must meet certification requirements contained 2242 in this subsection no later than 1 year after his or her date of 2243 employment.

2244 Section 38. Section 397.405, Florida Statutes, is amended 2245 to read:

2246 397.405 Exemptions from licensure.—The following are 2247 exempt from the licensing provisions of this chapter:

(1) A hospital or hospital-based component licensed under chapter 395.

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(2) A nursing home facility as defined in s. 400.021.
(3) A substance abuse education program established

(3) A substance abuse education program establishedpursuant to s. 1003.42.

(4) A facility or institution operated by the Federal Government.

(5) A physician or physician assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459.

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(6) A psychologist licensed under chapter 490.

(7) A social worker, marriage and family therapist, ormental health counselor licensed under chapter 491.

2260 A legally cognizable church or nonprofit religious (8)2261 organization or denomination providing substance abuse services, 2262 including prevention services, which are solely religious, 2263 spiritual, or ecclesiastical in nature. A church or nonprofit 2264 religious organization or denomination providing any of the 2265 licensed service components itemized under s. 397.311(25) is not 2266 exempt from substance abuse licensure but retains its exemption 2267 with respect to all services which are solely religious, 2268 spiritual, or ecclesiastical in nature.

(9) Facilities licensed under chapter 393 which, in addition to providing services to persons with developmental disabilities, also provide services to persons developmentally at risk as a consequence of exposure to alcohol or other legal or illegal drugs while in utero.

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(10) DUI education and screening services provided

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2275 pursuant to ss. 316.192, 316.193, 322.095, 322.271, and 322.291.
2276 Persons or entities providing treatment services must be
2277 licensed under this chapter unless exempted from licensing as
2278 provided in this section.

2279 (11) A facility licensed under s. 394.875 as a crisis 2280 stabilization unit.

2282 The exemptions from licensure in this section do not apply to 2283 any service provider that receives an appropriation, grant, or 2284 contract from the state to operate as a service provider as 2285 defined in this chapter or to any substance abuse program 2286 regulated pursuant to s. 397.406. Furthermore, this chapter may 2287 not be construed to limit the practice of a physician or 2288 physician assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, a 2289 psychologist licensed under chapter 490, a psychotherapist 2290 licensed under chapter 491, or an independent advanced practice 2291 registered nurse registered or an advanced practice registered 2292 nurse certified practitioner licensed under part I of chapter 2293 464, who provides substance abuse treatment, unless a 2294 practitioner represents so long as the physician, physician 2295 assistant, psychologist, psychotherapist, or advanced registered 2296 nurse practitioner does not represent to the public that the 2297 practitioner he or she is a licensed service provider and 2298 provides does not provide services to individuals pursuant to 2299 part V of this chapter. Failure to comply with any requirement

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2300 necessary to maintain an exempt status under this section is a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 2301 2302 775.082 or s. 775.083. 2303 Section 39. Subsections (4), (7), and (8) of section 2304 397.427, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 2305 397.427 Medication-assisted treatment service providers; 2306 rehabilitation program; needs assessment and provision of 2307 services; persons authorized to issue takeout medication; 2308 unlawful operation; penalty.-2309 (4)Notwithstanding s. 465.019(2), a physician assistant, 2310 a registered nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse 2311 practitioner, or a licensed practical nurse working for a 2312 licensed service provider may deliver takeout medication for 2313 opiate treatment to persons enrolled in a maintenance treatment program for medication-assisted treatment for opiate addiction 2314 2315 if: 2316 (a) The medication-assisted treatment program for opiate 2317 addiction has an appropriate valid permit issued pursuant to 2318 rules adopted by the Board of Pharmacy; 2319 The medication for treatment of opiate addiction has (b) 2320 been delivered pursuant to a valid prescription written by the program's physician licensed pursuant to chapter 458 or chapter 2321 459; 2322 The medication for treatment of opiate addiction which 2323 (C) 2324 is ordered appears on a formulary and is prepackaged and Page 93 of 185

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2325 prelabeled with dosage instructions and distributed from a
2326 source authorized under chapter 499;

2327 Each licensed provider adopts written protocols which (d) 2328 provide for supervision of the physician assistant, registered 2329 nurse, advanced practice registered nurse practitioner, or 2330 licensed practical nurse by a physician licensed pursuant to 2331 chapter 458 or chapter 459 and for the procedures by which 2332 patients' medications may be delivered by the physician 2333 assistant, registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse 2334 practitioner, or licensed practical nurse. Such protocols shall be signed by the supervising physician and either the 2335 2336 administering registered nurse, the advanced practice registered 2337 nurse practitioner, or the licensed practical nurse.

(e) Each licensed service provider maintains and has
available for inspection by representatives of the Board of
Pharmacy all medical records and patient care protocols,
including records of medications delivered to patients, in
accordance with the board.

(7) A physician assistant, a registered nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse practitioner, or a licensed practical nurse working for a licensed service provider may deliver medication as prescribed by rule if:

(a) The service provider is authorized to providemedication-assisted treatment;

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(b) The medication has been administered pursuant to a

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2350 valid prescription written by the program's physician who is licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459; and 2351 2352 The medication ordered appears on a formulary or meets (C) 2353 federal requirements for medication-assisted treatment. 2354 Each licensed service provider that provides (8) 2355 medication-assisted treatment must adopt written protocols as 2356 specified by the department and in accordance with federally 2357 required rules, regulations, or procedures. The protocol shall provide for the supervision of the physician assistant, 2358 2359 registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse 2360 practitioner, or licensed practical nurse working under the 2361 supervision of a physician who is licensed under chapter 458 or 2362 chapter 459. The protocol must specify how the medication will 2363 be used in conjunction with counseling or psychosocial treatment 2364 and that the services provided will be included on the treatment 2365 plan. The protocol must specify the procedures by which 2366 medication-assisted treatment may be administered by the 2367 supervised physician assistant, registered nurse, advanced 2368 registered nurse practitioner, or licensed practical nurse. 2369 These protocols shall be signed by the supervising physician and 2370 the supervised administering physician assistant, registered nurse, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or licensed 2371 2372 practical nurse. Section 40. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 2373 2374 397.501, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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2375 397.501 Rights of individuals.-Individuals receiving 2376 substance abuse services from any service provider are 2377 guaranteed protection of the rights specified in this section, 2378 unless otherwise expressly provided, and service providers must 2379 ensure the protection of such rights.

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(2) RIGHT TO NONDISCRIMINATORY SERVICES.-

2381 (a) Service providers may not deny an individual access to 2382 substance abuse services solely on the basis of race, gender, 2383 ethnicity, age, sexual preference, human immunodeficiency virus 2384 status, prior service departures against medical advice, 2385 disability, or number of relapse episodes. Service providers may 2386 not deny an individual who takes medication prescribed by a physician, a physician assistant, an independent advanced 2387 2388 practice registered nurse, or an advanced practice registered nurse access to substance abuse services solely on that basis. 2389 2390 Service providers who receive state funds to provide substance abuse services may not, if space and sufficient state resources 2391 2392 are available, deny access to services based solely on inability 2393 to pay.

2394 Section 41. Section 397.679, Florida Statutes, is amended 2395 to read:

2396 397.679 Emergency admission; circumstances justifying.—A 2397 person who meets the criteria for involuntary admission in s. 2398 397.675 may be admitted to a hospital or to a licensed 2399 detoxification facility or addictions receiving facility for

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2400 emergency assessment and stabilization, or to a less intensive 2401 component of a licensed service provider for assessment only, 2402 upon receipt by the facility of a certificate by a physician, an 2403 independent advanced practice registered nurse, an advanced 2404 practice registered nurse practitioner, a psychiatric nurse, a 2405 clinical psychologist, a clinical social worker, a marriage and 2406 family therapist, a mental health counselor, a physician 2407 assistant working under the scope of practice of the supervising 2408 physician, or a master's-level-certified addictions professional 2409 for substance abuse services, if the certificate is specific to 2410 substance abuse impairment, and the completion of an application 2411 for emergency admission.

2412 Section 42. Subsection (1) of section 397.6793, Florida 2413 Statutes, is amended to read:

2414 397.6793 Professional's certificate for emergency 2415 admission.-

2416 (1)A physician, a clinical psychologist, a physician 2417 assistant working under the scope of practice of the supervising 2418 physician, a psychiatric nurse, an independent advanced practice 2419 registered nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse 2420 practitioner, a mental health counselor, a marriage and family 2421 therapist, a master's-level-certified addictions professional for substance abuse services, or a clinical social worker may 2422 execute a professional's certificate for emergency admission. 2423 2424 The professional's certificate must include the name of the

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2425 person to be admitted, the relationship between the person and 2426 the professional executing the certificate, the relationship 2427 between the applicant and the professional, any relationship 2428 between the professional and the licensed service provider, a 2429 statement that the person has been examined and assessed within 2430 the preceding 5 days after the application date, and factual 2431 allegations with respect to the need for emergency admission, 2432 including:

(a) The reason for the belief that the person is substanceabuse impaired;

(b) The reason for the belief that because of such impairment the person has lost the power of self-control with respect to substance abuse; and

2438 (c)1. The reason for the belief that, without care or 2439 treatment, the person is likely to suffer from neglect or refuse to care for himself or herself; that such neglect or refusal 2440 2441 poses a real and present threat of substantial harm to his or 2442 her well-being; and that it is not apparent that such harm may 2443 be avoided through the help of willing family members or friends 2444 or the provision of other services, or there is substantial 2445 likelihood that the person has inflicted or, unless admitted, is likely to inflict, physical harm on himself, herself, or 2446 another; or 2447

2448 2. The reason for the belief that the person's refusal to 2449 voluntarily receive care is based on judgment so impaired by

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2450 reason of substance abuse that the person is incapable of 2451 appreciating his or her need for care and of making a rational 2452 decision regarding his or her need for care. 2453 Section 43. Subsection (8) of section 400.021, Florida 2454 Statutes, is amended to read: 2455 400.021 Definitions.-When used in this part, unless the 2456 context otherwise requires, the term: 2457 "Geriatric outpatient clinic" means a site for (8) 2458 providing outpatient health care to persons 60 years of age or 2459 older, which is staffed by a registered nurse, a physician 2460 assistant, or a licensed practical nurse under the direct 2461 supervision of a registered nurse, an independent advanced 2462 practice registered nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse practitioner, a physician assistant, or a physician. 2463 2464 Section 44. Subsection (3) of section 400.0255, Florida 2465 Statutes, is amended to read: 2466 400.0255 Resident transfer or discharge; requirements and 2467 procedures; hearings.-2468 When a discharge or transfer is initiated by the (3) 2469 nursing home, the nursing home administrator employed by the 2470 nursing home that is discharging or transferring the resident, 2471 or an individual employed by the nursing home who is designated by the nursing home administrator to act on behalf of the 2472 administration, must sign the notice of discharge or transfer. 2473 2474 Any notice indicating a medical reason for transfer or discharge Page 99 of 185

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2475 must either be signed by the resident's attending physician or the medical director of the facility, or include an attached 2476 2477 written order for the discharge or transfer. The notice or the 2478 order must be signed by the resident's physician, medical director, treating physician, independent advanced practice 2479 2480 registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse 2481 practitioner, or physician assistant. 2482 Section 45. Subsection (3) of section 400.172, Florida 2483 Statutes, is amended to read: 2484 400.172 Respite care provided in nursing home facilities.-2485 A prospective respite care resident must provide (3) 2486 medical information from a physician, a physician assistant, an 2487 independent advanced practice registered nurse, or an advanced 2488 practice registered nurse practitioner and any other information 2489 provided by the primary caregiver required by the facility 2490 before or when the person is admitted to receive respite care. 2491 The medical information must include a physician's or an 2492 independent advanced practice registered nurse's order for 2493 respite care and proof of a physical examination by a licensed 2494 physician, a physician assistant, an independent advanced 2495 practice registered nurse, or an advanced practice registered 2496 nurse practitioner. The physician's order and physical 2497 examination may be used to provide intermittent respite care for up to 12 months after the date the order is written. 2498 2499 Section 46. Subsections (20) through (30) of section

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2500 400.462, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (21) 2501 through (31), respectively, subsection (3) is amended, and a new 2502 subsection (20) is added to that section, to read: 2503 400.462 Definitions.-As used in this part, the term: 2504 "Advanced practice registered nurse practitioner" (3) 2505 means a person licensed in this state to practice professional 2506 nursing and certified in advanced or specialized nursing 2507 practice, as defined in s. 464.003. 2508 (20) "Independent advanced practice registered nurse" 2509 means a person licensed in this state to practice professional 2510 nursing as defined in s. 464.003 and registered to practice 2511 advanced or specialized nursing independently and without 2512 physician supervision or a protocol. 2513 Section 47. Subsection (2) of section 400.487, Florida 2514 Statutes, is amended to read: 2515 400.487 Home health service agreements; physician's, 2516 physician assistant's, independent advanced practice registered 2517 nurse's and advanced practice registered nurse's nurse 2518 practitioner's treatment orders; patient assessment; establishment and review of plan of care; provision of services; 2519 2520 orders not to resuscitate.-2521 When required by the provisions of chapter 464; part (2) 2522 I, part III, or part V of chapter 468; or chapter 486, the attending physician, physician assistant, independent advanced 2523 practice registered nurse, or advanced practice registered nurse 2524

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2545 2546 2547 2548	(a) When, in accordance with the privileges and restrictions imposed upon a nurse under part I of chapter 464, the delivery of care to a patient is under the direction or
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	(a) When in accordance with the privileges and
	requirements for a plan of treatment:
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2544	residences by a nurse registry must comply with the following
2543	(13) All persons referred for contract in private
2542	penalties
2541	400.506 Licensure of nurse registries; requirements;
2540	400.506, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
2539	Section 48. Paragraph (a) of subsection (13) of section
2538	with the home health agency.
2537	advanced practice registered nurse practitioner in consultation
2536	assistant, independent advanced practice registered nurse, or
2535	as the patient's illness requires, by the physician, physician
2534	agreement. The treatment orders shall be reviewed, as frequently
2533	must be signed within the time allowed under the provider
2532	submitted to a managed care organization, the treatment orders
2531	is submitted by the home health agency. If the claim is
2530	practitioner before a claim for payment for the skilled services
2529	practice registered nurse, or advanced practice registered nurse
2528	the physician, physician assistant, <u>independent advanced</u>
2527	to receive skilled care. The treatment orders must be signed by
2526	practice, shall establish treatment orders for a patient who is
	practitioner , acting within his or her respective scope of

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2550 for the medical care of the patient, a medical plan of treatment 2551 must be established for each patient receiving care or treatment 2552 provided by a licensed nurse in the home. The original medical 2553 plan of treatment must be timely signed by the physician, 2554 physician assistant, independent advanced practice registered 2555 nurse, or advanced practice registered nurse practitioner, 2556 acting within his or her respective scope of practice, and 2557 reviewed in consultation with the licensed nurse at least every 2558 2 months. Any additional order or change in orders must be 2559 obtained from, reduced to writing by, and timely signed by the 2560 physician, physician assistant, independent advanced practice 2561 registered nurse, or advanced practice registered nurse 2562 practitioner and reduced to writing and timely signed by the 2563 physician, physician assistant, or advanced registered nurse 2564 practitioner. The delivery of care under a medical plan of 2565 treatment must be substantiated by the appropriate nursing notes 2566 or documentation made by the nurse in compliance with nursing 2567 practices established under part I of chapter 464.

2568 Section 49. Paragraph (g) of subsection (4) of section 2569 400.9905, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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400.9905 Definitions.-

(4) "Clinic" means an entity where 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. As used in this part, the term does

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2575 not include and the licensure requirements of this part do not 2576 apply to:

2577 A sole proprietorship, group practice, partnership, or (q) 2578 corporation that provides health care services by licensed health care practitioners licensed, certified, or registered 2579 2580 under chapter 457, chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, 2581 chapter 461, chapter 462, chapter 463, chapter 466, chapter 467, 2582 chapter 480, chapter 484, chapter 486, chapter 490, chapter 491, 2583 or part I, part III, part X, part XIII, or part XIV of chapter 2584 468, or s. 464.012, or s. 464.0125, and that is wholly owned by 2585 one or more licensed, certified, or registered health care 2586 practitioners, or the licensed health care practitioners set 2587 forth in this paragraph and the spouse, parent, child, or 2588 sibling of such a licensed health care practitioner if one of 2589 the owners who is a licensed, certified, or registered health 2590 care practitioner is supervising the business activities and is 2591 legally responsible for the entity's compliance with all federal 2592 and state laws. However, a health care practitioner may not 2593 supervise services beyond the scope of the practitioner's 2594 license, certification, or registration, except that, for the 2595 purposes of this part, a clinic owned by a licensee in s. 2596 456.053(3)(b) which provides only services authorized pursuant 2597 to s. 456.053(3)(b) may be supervised by a licensee specified in 2598 s. 456.053(3)(b).

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Notwithstanding this subsection, an entity shall be deemed a 2600 clinic and must be licensed under this part in order to receive 2601 2602 reimbursement under the Florida Motor Vehicle No-Fault Law, ss. 2603 627.730-627.7405, unless exempted under s. 627.736(5)(h). 2604 Section 50. Subsection (5) and paragraph (b) of subsection 2605 (7) of section 400.9973, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 2606 400.9973 Client admission, transfer, and discharge.-2607 A client admitted to a transitional living facility (5) 2608 must be admitted upon prescription by a licensed physician, 2609 physician assistant, independent advanced practice registered 2610 nurse, or advanced practice registered nurse practitioner and 2611 must remain under the care of a licensed physician, physician assistant, independent advanced practice registered nurse, or 2612 2613 advanced practice registered nurse practitioner for the duration 2614 of the client's stay in the facility. 2615 (7) A person may not be admitted to a transitional living 2616 facility if the person: 2617 Is a danger to himself or herself or others as (b) 2618 determined by a physician, physician assistant, independent 2619 advanced practice registered nurse, or advanced practice 2620 registered nurse practitioner or a mental health practitioner 2621 licensed under chapter 490 or chapter 491, unless the facility

2622 provides adequate staffing and support to ensure patient safety;
2623 Section 51. Subsection (1) and paragraphs (a) and (b) of
2624 subsection (2) of section 400.9974, Florida Statutes, are

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amended to read:

2626 400.9974 Client comprehensive treatment plans; client 2627 services.-

2628 A transitional living facility shall develop a (1)2629 comprehensive treatment plan for each client as soon as 2630 practicable but no later than 30 days after the initial 2631 comprehensive treatment plan is developed. The comprehensive 2632 treatment plan must be developed by an interdisciplinary team 2633 consisting of the case manager, the program director, the 2634 advanced practice registered nurse practitioner, and appropriate 2635 therapists. The client or, if appropriate, the client's 2636 representative must be included in developing the comprehensive 2637 treatment plan. The comprehensive treatment plan must be 2638 reviewed and updated if the client fails to meet projected 2639 improvements outlined in the plan or if a significant change in 2640 the client's condition occurs. The comprehensive treatment plan must be reviewed and updated at least once monthly. 2641

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(2) The comprehensive treatment plan must include:

(a) Orders obtained from the physician, physician
assistant, <u>independent advanced practice registered nurse</u>, or
advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse <u>practitioner</u> and the client's
diagnosis, medical history, physical examination, and
rehabilitative or restorative needs.

(b) A preliminary nursing evaluation, including orders forimmediate care provided by the physician, physician assistant,

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2650 <u>independent advanced practice registered nurse</u>, or advanced 2651 <u>practice</u> registered nurse practitioner, which shall be completed 2652 when the client is admitted.

2653 Section 52. Section 400.9976, Florida Statutes, is amended 2654 to read:

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400.9976 Administration of medication.-

2656 (1) An individual medication administration record must be 2657 maintained for each client. A dose of medication, including a 2658 self-administered dose, shall be properly recorded in the client's record. A client who self-administers medication shall 2659 2660 be given a pill organizer. Medication must be placed in the pill 2661 organizer by a nurse. A nurse shall document the date and time 2662 that medication is placed into each client's pill organizer. All 2663 medications must be administered in compliance with orders of a 2664 physician, physician assistant, independent advanced practice 2665 registered nurse, or advanced practice registered nurse 2666 practitioner.

2667 If an interdisciplinary team determines that self-(2)2668 administration of medication is an appropriate objective, and if 2669 the physician, physician assistant, independent advanced 2670 practice registered nurse, or advanced practice registered nurse 2671 practitioner does not specify otherwise, the client must be instructed by the physician, physician assistant, independent 2672 advanced practice registered nurse, or advanced practice 2673 2674 registered nurse practitioner to self-administer his or her

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2675 medication without the assistance of a staff person. All forms 2676 of self-administration of medication, including administration 2677 orally, by injection, and by suppository, shall be included in 2678 the training. The client's physician, physician assistant, 2679 independent advanced practice registered nurse, or advanced 2680 practice registered nurse practitioner must be informed of the 2681 interdisciplinary team's decision that self-administration of 2682 medication is an objective for the client. A client may not 2683 self-administer medication until he or she demonstrates the 2684 competency to take the correct medication in the correct dosage 2685 at the correct time, to respond to missed doses, and to contact 2686 the appropriate person with questions.

(3) Medication administration discrepancies and adverse drug reactions must be recorded and reported immediately to a physician, physician assistant, <u>independent advanced practice</u> <u>registered nurse</u>, or advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse <u>practitioner</u>.

2692Section 53.Subsections (2) through (5) of section2693400.9979, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2694 400.9979 Restraint and seclusion; client safety.-

(2) The use of physical restraints must be ordered and
documented by a physician, physician assistant, <u>independent</u>
<u>advanced practice registered nurse</u>, or advanced <u>practice</u>
registered nurse <u>practitioner</u> and must be consistent with the
policies and procedures adopted by the facility. The client or,

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2700 if applicable, the client's representative shall be informed of 2701 the facility's physical restraint policies and procedures when 2702 the client is admitted.

2703 The use of chemical restraints shall be limited to (3) 2704 prescribed dosages of medications as ordered by a physician, 2705 physician assistant, independent advanced practice registered 2706 nurse, or advanced practice registered nurse practitioner and 2707 must be consistent with the client's diagnosis and the policies 2708 and procedures adopted by the facility. The client and, if 2709 applicable, the client's representative shall be informed of the 2710 facility's chemical restraint policies and procedures when the 2711 client is admitted.

2712 (4) Based on the assessment by a physician, physician 2713 assistant, independent advanced practice registered nurse, or 2714 advanced practice registered nurse practitioner, if a client 2715 exhibits symptoms that present an immediate risk of injury or 2716 death to himself or herself or others, a physician, physician 2717 assistant, independent advanced practice registered nurse, or 2718 advanced practice registered nurse practitioner may issue an 2719 emergency treatment order to immediately administer rapid-2720 response psychotropic medications or other chemical restraints. 2721 Each emergency treatment order must be documented and maintained in the client's record. 2722

(a) An emergency treatment order is not effective for morethan 24 hours.

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2725 Whenever a client is medicated under this subsection, (b) 2726 the client's representative or a responsible party and the 2727 client's physician, physician assistant, independent advanced 2728 practice registered nurse, or advanced practice registered nurse 2729 practitioner shall be notified as soon as practicable. 2730 A client who is prescribed and receives a medication (5) 2731 that can serve as a chemical restraint for a purpose other than 2732 an emergency treatment order must be evaluated by his or her 2733 physician, physician assistant, independent advanced practice 2734 registered nurse, or advanced practice registered nurse practitioner at least monthly to assess: 2735 2736 (a) The continued need for the medication. The level of the medication in the client's blood. 2737 (b) 2738 (C) The need for adjustments to the prescription. 2739 Section 54. Subsections (1) and (2) of section 401.445, 2740 Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 2741 401.445 Emergency examination and treatment of 2742 incapacitated persons.-2743 No Recovery is not shall be allowed in any court in (1)2744 this state against any emergency medical technician, paramedic, 2745 or physician as defined in this chapter; τ any advanced practice 2746 registered nurse practitioner certified under s. 464.012; any independent advanced practice registered nurse registered under 2747 s. 464.0125; τ or any physician assistant licensed under s. 2748 2749 458.347 or s. 459.022, or any person acting under the direct

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2750 medical supervision of a physician, in an action brought for 2751 examining or treating a patient without his or her informed 2752 consent if:

(a) The patient at the time of examination or treatment is
intoxicated, under the influence of drugs, or otherwise
incapable of providing informed consent as provided in s.
766.103;

(b) The patient at the time of examination or treatment isexperiencing an emergency medical condition; and

(c) The patient would reasonably, under all the surrounding circumstances, undergo such examination, treatment, or procedure if <u>the patient</u> he or she were advised by the emergency medical technician, paramedic, physician, <u>independent</u> <u>advanced practice registered nurse</u>, advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse <u>practitioner</u>, or physician assistant in accordance with s. 766.103(3).

2767 Examination and treatment provided under this subsection shall 2768 be limited to reasonable examination of the patient to determine 2769 the medical condition of the patient and treatment reasonably 2770 necessary to alleviate the emergency medical condition or to 2771 stabilize the patient.

(2) In examining and treating a person who is apparently
intoxicated, under the influence of drugs, or otherwise
incapable of providing informed consent, the emergency medical

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2775 technician, paramedic, physician, independent advanced practice registered nurse practitioner, advanced practice registered 2776 2777 nurse practitioner, or physician assistant, or any person acting 2778 under the direct medical supervision of a physician, shall 2779 proceed wherever possible with the consent of the person. If the 2780 person reasonably appears to be incapacitated and refuses his or 2781 her consent, the person may be examined, treated, or taken to a 2782 hospital or other appropriate treatment resource if he or she is 2783 in need of emergency attention, without his or her consent, but 2784 unreasonable force shall not be used.

2785 Section 55. Subsections (1) and (11) of section 409.905, 2786 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

2787 409.905 Mandatory Medicaid services.-The agency may make 2788 payments for the following services, which are required of the 2789 state by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, furnished by 2790 Medicaid providers to recipients who are determined to be 2791 eligible on the dates on which the services were provided. Any 2792 service under this section shall be provided only when medically 2793 necessary and in accordance with state and federal law. 2794 Mandatory services rendered by providers in mobile units to 2795 Medicaid recipients may be restricted by the agency. Nothing in 2796 this section shall be construed to prevent or limit the agency from adjusting fees, reimbursement rates, lengths of stay, 2797 number of visits, number of services, or any other adjustments 2798 2799 necessary to comply with the availability of moneys and any

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2800 limitations or directions provided for in the General 2801 Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

2802 (1)INDEPENDENT ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE AND 2803 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER SERVICES.-The 2804 agency shall pay for services provided to a recipient by a 2805 registered independent advanced practice registered nurse, a 2806 certified licensed advanced practice registered nurse 2807 practitioner who has a valid collaboration agreement with a 2808 licensed physician on file with the Department of Health, or a 2809 certified registered nurse anesthetist who provides anesthesia 2810 services in accordance with established protocol required by 2811 state law and approved by the medical staff of the facility in which the anesthetic service is performed. Reimbursement for 2812 2813 such services must be provided in an amount that equals at least 2814 not less than 80 percent of the reimbursement to a physician who 2815 provides the same services, unless otherwise provided for in the 2816 General Appropriations Act.

2817 RURAL HEALTH CLINIC SERVICES. - The agency shall pay (11)2818 for outpatient primary health care services for a recipient 2819 provided by a clinic certified by and participating in the 2820 Medicare program which is located in a federally designated, 2821 rural, medically underserved area and has on its staff one or 2822 more certified licensed primary care nurse practitioners or physician assistants τ and a licensed staff supervising 2823 2824 physician, or a consulting supervising physician, or an

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2825 independent advanced practice registered nurse. 2826 Section 56. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) and subsection 2827 (8) of section 409.908, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 2828 409.908 Reimbursement of Medicaid providers.-Subject to 2829 specific appropriations, the agency shall reimburse Medicaid 2830 providers, in accordance with state and federal law, according 2831 to methodologies set forth in the rules of the agency and in 2832 policy manuals and handbooks incorporated by reference therein. These methodologies may include fee schedules, reimbursement 2833 2834 methods based on cost reporting, negotiated fees, competitive bidding pursuant to s. 287.057, and other mechanisms the agency 2835 2836 considers efficient and effective for purchasing services or 2837 goods on behalf of recipients. If a provider is reimbursed based 2838 on cost reporting and submits a cost report late and that cost 2839 report would have been used to set a lower reimbursement rate 2840 for a rate semester, then the provider's rate for that semester 2841 shall be retroactively calculated using the new cost report, and 2842 full payment at the recalculated rate shall be effected 2843 retroactively. Medicare-granted extensions for filing cost 2844 reports, if applicable, shall also apply to Medicaid cost 2845 reports. Payment for Medicaid compensable services made on 2846 behalf of Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the availability of moneys and any limitations or directions 2847 provided for in the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216. 2848 2849 Further, nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent

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or limit the agency from adjusting fees, reimbursement rates, lengths of stay, number of visits, or number of services, or making any other adjustments necessary to comply with the availability of moneys and any limitations or directions provided for in the General Appropriations Act, provided the adjustment is consistent with legislative intent.

2856 (3)Subject to any limitations or directions provided for 2857 in the General Appropriations Act, the following Medicaid 2858 services and goods may be reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis. 2859 For each allowable service or goods furnished in accordance with 2860 Medicaid rules, policy manuals, handbooks, and state and federal 2861 law, the payment shall be the amount billed by the provider, the 2862 provider's usual and customary charge, or the maximum allowable 2863 fee established by the agency, whichever amount is less, with 2864 the exception of those services or goods for which the agency 2865 makes payment using a methodology based on capitation rates, 2866 average costs, or negotiated fees.

2867(a) Independent advanced practice registered nurse or2868advanced practice registered nurse practitioner services.

(8) A provider of family planning services shall be reimbursed the lesser of the amount billed by the provider or an all-inclusive amount per type of visit for physicians, independent advanced practice registered nurses, and advanced practice registered <u>nurses</u> nurse practitioners, as established by the agency in a fee schedule.

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2875 Section 57. Subsection (2) of section 409.9081, Florida 2876 Statutes, is amended to read: 2877 409.9081 Copayments.-2878 The agency shall, subject to federal regulations and (2)2879 any directions or limitations provided for in the General 2880 Appropriations Act, require copayments for the following 2881 additional services: hospital inpatient, laboratory and X-ray 2882 services, transportation services, home health care services, 2883 community mental health services, rural health services, 2884 federally qualified health clinic services, and independent advanced practice registered nurse or advanced practice 2885 2886 registered nurse practitioner services. The agency may only 2887 establish copayments for prescribed drugs or for any other 2888 federally authorized service if such copayment is specifically 2889 provided for in the General Appropriations Act or other law. 2890 Section 58. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 2891 409.973, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 2892 409.973 Benefits.-2893 MINIMUM BENEFITS.-Managed care plans shall cover, at a (1)2894 minimum, the following services: 2895 Independent advanced practice registered nurse and (a) advanced practice registered nurse practitioner services. 2896 Section 59. Subsections (2), (4), and (5) of section 2897 429.26, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 2898 2899 429.26 Appropriateness of placements; examinations of Page 116 of 185

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2900 residents.-

(2) A physician, <u>a physician assistant</u>, <u>an independent</u>
<u>advanced practice registered nurse</u>, or <u>an advanced practice</u>
<u>registered</u> nurse practitioner who is employed by an assisted
living facility to provide an initial examination for admission
purposes may not have financial interest in the facility.

2906 (4) If possible, each resident shall have been examined by 2907 a licensed physician, a licensed physician assistant, a 2908 registered independent advanced practice registered nurse, or a 2909 certified advanced practice registered licensed nurse 2910 practitioner within 60 days before admission to the facility. 2911 The signed and completed medical examination report shall be submitted to the owner or administrator of the facility who 2912 2913 shall use the information contained therein to assist in the 2914 determination of the appropriateness of the resident's admission 2915 and continued stay in the facility. The medical examination 2916 report shall become a permanent part of the record of the 2917 resident at the facility and shall be made available to the 2918 agency during inspection or upon request. An assessment that has 2919 been completed through the Comprehensive Assessment and Review 2920 for Long-Term Care Services (CARES) Program fulfills the 2921 requirements for a medical examination under this subsection and s. 429.07(3)(b)6. 2922

(5) Except as provided in s. 429.07, if a medicalexamination has not been completed within 60 days before the

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2925 admission of the resident to the facility, a licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, registered independent advanced 2926 2927 practice registered nurse, or certified advanced practice 2928 licensed nurse practitioner shall examine the resident and 2929 complete a medical examination form provided by the agency 2930 within 30 days following the admission to the facility to enable 2931 the facility owner or administrator to determine the 2932 appropriateness of the admission. The medical examination form 2933 shall become a permanent part of the record of the resident at 2934 the facility and shall be made available to the agency during 2935 inspection by the agency or upon request.

2936 Section 60. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) and paragraph 2937 (a) of subsection (7) of section 429.918, Florida Statutes, are 2938 amended to read:

2939 429.918 Licensure designation as a specialized Alzheimer's 2940 services adult day care center.—

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(2) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "ADRD participant" means a participant who has a documented diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or a dementiarelated disorder (ADRD) from a licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, registered independent advanced practice registered nurse, or certified a licensed advanced practice registered nurse practitioner.

2948 (7)(a) An ADRD participant admitted to an adult day care 2949 center having a license designated under this section, or the

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2950 caregiver when applicable, must:

Require ongoing supervision to maintain the highest
 level of medical or custodial functioning and have a
 demonstrated need for a responsible party to oversee his or her
 care.

2955 2. Not actively demonstrate aggressive behavior that 2956 places himself, herself, or others at risk of harm.

2957 3. Provide the following medical documentation signed by a
2958 licensed physician, licensed physician assistant, <u>registered</u>
2959 <u>independent advanced practice registered nurse</u>, or <u>certified</u> a
2960 licensed advanced practice registered nurse practitioner:

a. Any physical, health, or emotional conditions thatrequire medical care.

2963 b. A listing of the ADRD participant's current prescribed 2964 and over-the-counter medications and dosages, diet restrictions, 2965 mobility restrictions, and other physical limitations.

4. Provide documentation signed by a health care provider licensed in this state which indicates that the ADRD participant is free of the communicable form of tuberculosis and free of signs and symptoms of other communicable diseases.

2970 Section 61. Paragraph (e) of subsection (5) of section 2971 440.102, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

2972 440.102 Drug-free workplace program requirements.—The 2973 following provisions apply to a drug-free workplace program 2974 implemented pursuant to law or to rules adopted by the Agency

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2975 for Health Care Administration:

2976 (5) PROCEDURES AND EMPLOYEE PROTECTION.-All specimen 2977 collection and testing for drugs under this section shall be 2978 performed in accordance with the following procedures:

2979 A specimen for a drug test may be taken or collected (e) 2980 by any of the following persons:

2981 1. A physician, a physician assistant, an independent 2982 advanced practice registered nurse, an advanced practice 2983 registered nurse, a registered professional nurse, a licensed 2984 practical nurse, or a nurse practitioner or a certified 2985 paramedic who is present at the scene of an accident for the 2986 purpose of rendering emergency medical service or treatment.

2987 2. A qualified person employed by a licensed or certified 2988 laboratory as described in subsection (9).

2989 Section 62. Subsection (2) and paragraph (d) of subsection (4) of section 456.0391, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 2990

2991 456.0391 Advanced practice registered nurses nurse 2992 practitioners; information required for certification.-

2993 The Department of Health shall send a notice to each (2) 2994 person certified under s. 464.012 at the certificateholder's 2995 last known address of record regarding the requirements for 2996 information to be submitted by advanced practice registered 2997 nurses nurse practitioners pursuant to this section in 2998 conjunction with the renewal of such certificate. (4)

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3000 Any applicant for initial certification or renewal of (d) 3001 certification as an advanced practice registered nurse 3002 practitioner who submits to the Department of Health a set of 3003 fingerprints and information required for the criminal history 3004 check required under this section shall not be required to 3005 provide a subsequent set of fingerprints or other duplicate 3006 information required for a criminal history check to the Agency 3007 for Health Care Administration, the Department of Juvenile 3008 Justice, or the Department of Children and Families for 3009 employment or licensure with such agency or department, if the 3010 applicant has undergone a criminal history check as a condition 3011 of initial certification or renewal of certification as an 3012 advanced practice registered nurse practitioner with the 3013 Department of Health, notwithstanding any other provision of law 3014 to the contrary. In lieu of such duplicate submission, the 3015 Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of 3016 Juvenile Justice, and the Department of Children and Families 3017 shall obtain criminal history information for employment or 3018 licensure of persons certified under s. 464.012 by such agency 3019 or department from the Department of Health's health care 3020 practitioner credentialing system. 3021 Section 63. Subsection (2) of section 456.0392, Florida

3022 Statutes, is amended to read:

- 3023 456.0392 Prescription labeling.-
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(2) A prescription for a drug that is not listed a

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3025 controlled substance in chapter 893 which is written by an 3026 advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse practitioner certified under 3027 s. 464.012 is presumed, subject to rebuttal, to be valid and 3028 within the parameters of the prescriptive authority delegated by 3029 a practitioner licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, or 3030 chapter 466.

3031 Section 64. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection 3032 (6) of section 456.041, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 3033 456.041 Practitioner profile; creation.-

3034 (1) (a) The Department of Health shall compile the information submitted pursuant to s. 456.039 into a practitioner 3035 3036 profile of the applicant submitting the information, except that 3037 the Department of Health shall develop a format to compile 3038 uniformly any information submitted under s. 456.039(4)(b). 3039 Beginning July 1, 2001, the Department of Health may compile the 3040 information submitted pursuant to s. 456.0391 into a 3041 practitioner profile of the applicant submitting the 3042 information. The protocol submitted pursuant to s. 464.012(3) 3043 must be included in the practitioner profile of the advanced 3044 practice registered nurse practitioner.

(6) The Department of Health shall provide in each practitioner profile for every physician or advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse practitioner terminated for cause from participating in the Medicaid program, pursuant to s. 409.913, or sanctioned by the Medicaid program a statement that the

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3050 practitioner has been terminated from participating in the 3051 Florida Medicaid program or sanctioned by the Medicaid program. 3052 Section 65. Subsection (1) and paragraphs (a), (d), and 3053 (e) of subsection (2) of section 456.048, Florida Statutes, are 3054 amended to read:

3055 456.048 Financial responsibility requirements for certain 3056 health care practitioners.—

3057 As a prerequisite for licensure or license renewal, (1)3058 the Board of Acupuncture, the Board of Chiropractic Medicine, 3059 the Board of Podiatric Medicine, and the Board of Dentistry 3060 shall, by rule, require that all health care practitioners 3061 licensed under the respective board, and the Board of Medicine 3062 and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine shall, by rule, require 3063 that all anesthesiologist assistants licensed pursuant to s. 3064 458.3475 or s. 459.023, and the Board of Nursing shall, by rule, 3065 require that independent advanced practice registered nurses 3066 registered under s. 464.0125 and advanced practice registered 3067 nurses nurse practitioners certified under s. 464.012, and the 3068 department shall, by rule, require that midwives maintain 3069 medical malpractice insurance or provide proof of financial 3070 responsibility in an amount and in a manner determined by the 3071 board or department to be sufficient to cover claims arising out of the rendering of or failure to render professional care and 3072 services in this state. 3073

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(2) The board or department may grant exemptions upon

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3075 application by practitioners meeting any of the following 3076 criteria:

3077 Any person licensed, certified, or registered under (a) chapter 457, s. 458.3475, s. 459.023, chapter 460, chapter 461, 3078 3079 s. 464.012, s. 464.0125, chapter 466, or chapter 467 who 3080 practices exclusively as an officer, employee, or agent of the 3081 Federal Government or of the state or its agencies or its 3082 subdivisions. For the purposes of this subsection, an agent of the state, its agencies, or its subdivisions is a person who is 3083 3084 eligible for coverage under any self-insurance or insurance 3085 program authorized by the provisions of s. 768.28(16) or who is 3086 a volunteer under s. 110.501(1).

Any person licensed, or certified, or registered under 3087 (d) 3088 chapter 457, s. 458.3475, s. 459.023, chapter 460, chapter 461, 3089 s. 464.012, s. 464.0125, chapter 466, or chapter 467 who 3090 practices only in conjunction with his or her teaching duties at 3091 an accredited school or in its main teaching hospitals. Such 3092 person may engage in the practice of medicine to the extent that 3093 such practice is incidental to and a necessary part of duties in 3094 connection with the teaching position in the school.

3095 (e) Any person holding an active license, or
3096 certification, or registration under chapter 457, s. 458.3475,
3097 s. 459.023, chapter 460, chapter 461, s. 464.012, <u>s. 464.0125</u>,
3098 chapter 466, or chapter 467 who is not practicing in this state.
3099 If such person initiates or resumes practice in this state, he

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3100	or she must notify the department of such activity.
3101	Section 66. Paragraphs (a), (i), (o), and (r) of
3102	subsection (3) and paragraph (g) of subsection (5) of section
3103	456.053, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
3104	456.053 Financial arrangements between referring health
3105	care providers and providers of health care services
3106	(3) DEFINITIONSFor the purpose of this section, the
3107	word, phrase, or term:
3108	(a) "Board" means any of the following boards relating to
3109	the respective professions: the Board of Medicine as created in
3110	s. 458.307; the Board of Osteopathic Medicine as created in s.
3111	459.004; the Board of Chiropractic Medicine as created in s.
3112	460.404; the Board of Podiatric Medicine as created in s.
3113	461.004; the Board of Optometry as created in s. 463.003; <u>the</u>
3114	Board of Nursing as created in s. 464.004; the Board of Pharmacy
3115	as created in s. 465.004; and the Board of Dentistry as created
3116	in s. 466.004.
3117	(i) "Health care provider" means <u>a</u> any physician licensed
3118	under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, or chapter 461 <u>; an</u>
3119	independent advanced practice registered nurse registered under
3120	<u>s. 464.0125; or a, or any</u> health care provider licensed under
3121	chapter 463 or chapter 466.
3122	(o) "Referral" means any referral of a patient by a health
3123	care provider for health care services, including, without
3124	limitation:

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3125 1. The forwarding of a patient by a health care provider 3126 to another health care provider or to an entity which provides 3127 or supplies designated health services or any other health care 3128 item or service; or

3129 2. The request or establishment of a plan of care by a 3130 health care provider, which includes the provision of designated 3131 health services or other health care item or service.

3132 3. The following orders, recommendations, or plans of care 3133 shall not constitute a referral by a health care provider:

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a. By a radiologist for diagnostic-imaging services.

3135 b. By a physician specializing in the provision of3136 radiation therapy services for such services.

3137 c. By a medical oncologist for drugs and solutions to be 3138 prepared and administered intravenously to such oncologist's 3139 patient, as well as for the supplies and equipment used in 3140 connection therewith to treat such patient for cancer and the 3141 complications thereof.

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d. By a cardiologist for cardiac catheterization services.

e. By a pathologist for diagnostic clinical laboratory
tests and pathological examination services, if furnished by or
under the supervision of such pathologist pursuant to a
consultation requested by another physician.

3147 f. By a health care provider who is the sole provider or 3148 member of a group practice for designated health services or 3149 other health care items or services that are prescribed or

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3150 provided solely for such referring health care provider's or group practice's own patients, and that are provided or 3151 3152 performed by or under the direct supervision of such referring 3153 health care provider or group practice; provided, however, that 3154 effective July 1, 1999, a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 3155 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, or chapter 461 or an independent 3156 advanced practice registered nurse registered under s. 464.0125 3157 may refer a patient to a sole provider or group practice for 3158 diagnostic imaging services, excluding radiation therapy 3159 services, for which the sole provider or group practice billed 3160 both the technical and the professional fee for or on behalf of 3161 the patient, if the referring physician or independent advanced 3162 practice registered nurse has no investment interest in the 3163 practice. The diagnostic imaging service referred to a group 3164 practice or sole provider must be a diagnostic imaging service normally provided within the scope of practice to the patients 3165 3166 of the group practice or sole provider. The group practice or 3167 sole provider may accept no more than 15 percent of their 3168 patients receiving diagnostic imaging services from outside 3169 referrals, excluding radiation therapy services. 3170 By a health care provider for services provided by an q.

3171 ambulatory surgical center licensed under chapter 395.

h. By a urologist for lithotripsy services.
By a dentist for dental services performed by an
employee of or health care provider who is an independent

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3175 contractor with the dentist or group practice of which the 3176 dentist is a member.

3177 j. By a physician for infusion therapy services to a 3178 patient of that physician or a member of that physician's group 3179 practice.

3180 k. By a nephrologist for renal dialysis services and3181 supplies, except laboratory services.

3182 By a health care provider whose principal professional 1. 3183 practice consists of treating patients in their private 3184 residences for services to be rendered in such private residences, except for services rendered by a home health agency 3185 3186 licensed under chapter 400. For purposes of this subsubparagraph, the term "private residences" includes patients' 3187 3188 private homes, independent living centers, and assisted living 3189 facilities, but does not include skilled nursing facilities.

m. By a health care provider for sleep-related testing.

3191 (r) "Sole provider" means one health care provider 3192 licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, or chapter 3193 461, or s. 464.0125, who maintains a separate medical office and 3194 a medical practice separate from any other health care provider 3195 and who bills for his or her services separately from the 3196 services provided by any other health care provider. A sole 3197 provider shall not share overhead expenses or professional income with any other person or group practice. 3198

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(5) PROHIBITED REFERRALS AND CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT.-Except as

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3200 provided in this section:

(g) A violation of this section by a health care provider shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action to be taken by the applicable board pursuant to s. 458.331(2), s. 459.015(2), s. 460.413(2), s. 461.013(2), s. 463.016(2), <u>s. 464.018</u>, or s. 466.028(2). Any hospital licensed under chapter 395 found in violation of this section shall be subject to s. 395.0185(2).

3207 Section 67. Subsection (7) of section 456.072, Florida 3208 Statutes, is amended to read:

3209 456.072 Grounds for discipline; penalties; enforcement.-3210 Notwithstanding subsection (2), upon a finding that a (7) 3211 physician has prescribed or dispensed a controlled substance, or 3212 caused a controlled substance to be prescribed or dispensed, in 3213 a manner that violates the standard of practice set forth in s. 3214 458.331(1)(q) or (t), s. 459.015(1)(t) or (x), s. 461.013(1)(o) 3215 or (s), or s. 466.028(1)(p) or (x), or that an independent 3216 advanced practice registered nurse or an advanced practice 3217 registered nurse practitioner has prescribed or dispensed a 3218 controlled substance, or caused a controlled substance to be 3219 prescribed or dispensed, in a manner that violates the standard 3220 of practice set forth in s. 464.018(1)(n) or (p)6., the 3221 physician or advanced registered nurse practitioner shall be suspended for a period of at least not less than 6 months and 3222 pay a fine of at least not less than \$10,000 per count. Repeated 3223 3224 violations shall result in increased penalties.

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3225 Section 68. Subsection (2) of section 456.44, Florida 3226 Statutes, is amended to read:

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456.44 Controlled substance prescribing.-

3228 REGISTRATION.-A physician licensed under chapter 458, (2)3229 chapter 459, chapter 461, or chapter 466; τ a physician assistant 3230 licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459; $_{\tau}$ or an independent 3231 advanced practice registered nurse registered or an advanced 3232 practice registered nurse practitioner certified under part I of 3233 chapter 464 who prescribes any controlled substance, listed in 3234 Schedule II, Schedule III, or Schedule IV as defined in s. 3235 893.03, for the treatment of chronic nonmalignant pain, must:

3236 (a) Designate himself or herself as a controlled substance
 3237 prescribing practitioner on <u>the</u> his or her practitioner profile.

3238 (b) Comply with the requirements of this section and 3239 applicable board rules.

3240 Section 69. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 3241 458.3265, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

458.3265 Pain-management clinics.-

3243 (2) PHYSICIAN RESPONSIBILITIES.—These responsibilities 3244 apply to any physician who provides professional services in a 3245 pain-management clinic that is required to be registered in 3246 subsection (1).

3247 (c) A physician, a physician assistant, <u>an independent</u>
 3248 <u>advanced practice registered nurse</u>, or an advanced <u>practice</u>
 3249 registered nurse practitioner must perform a physical

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3250 examination of a patient on the same day that the physician 3251 prescribes a controlled substance to a patient at a pain-3252 management clinic. If the physician prescribes more than a 72-3253 hour dose of controlled substances for the treatment of chronic 3254 nonmalignant pain, the physician must document in the patient's 3255 record the reason for prescribing that quantity.

3256 Section 70. Paragraph (dd) of subsection (1) of section 3257 458.331, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3258 458.331 Grounds for disciplinary action; action by the 3259 board and department.-

3260 (1) The following acts constitute grounds for denial of a 3261 license or disciplinary action, as specified in s. 456.072(2):

(dd) Failing to supervise adequately the activities of those physician assistants, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, advanced <u>practice</u> registered <u>nurses</u> nurse practitioners, or anesthesiologist assistants acting under the supervision of the physician.

3267 Section 71. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and 3268 subsections (2) and (4) of section 458.348, Florida Statutes, 3269 are amended to read:

3270 458.348 Formal supervisory relationships, standing orders,
3271 and established protocols; notice; standards.-

3272 (1) NOTICE.-

3273 (a) When a physician enters into a formal supervisory 3274 relationship or standing orders with an emergency medical

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3275 technician or paramedic licensed pursuant to s. 401.27, which 3276 relationship or orders contemplate the performance of medical 3277 acts, or when a physician enters into an established protocol 3278 with an advanced practice registered nurse practitioner, which 3279 protocol contemplates the performance of medical acts set forth 3280 in s. 464.012(3) and (4), the physician shall submit notice to 3281 the board. The notice shall contain a statement in substantially 3282 the following form:

3283 I, ... (name and professional license number of 3284 physician)..., of ... (address of physician)... have hereby 3285 entered into a formal supervisory relationship, standing orders, 3286 or an established protocol with ... (number of persons)... 3287 emergency medical technician(s), ... (number of persons)... 3288 paramedic(s), or ... (number of persons)... advanced <u>practice</u> 3289 registered <u>nurse(s)</u> nurse practitioner(s).

3290 ESTABLISHMENT OF STANDARDS BY JOINT COMMITTEE.-The (2)3291 joint committee shall determine minimum standards for the 3292 content of established protocols pursuant to which an advanced 3293 practice registered nurse practitioner may perform medical acts 3294 or acts set forth in s. 464.012(3) and (4) and shall determine 3295 minimum standards for supervision of such acts by the physician, 3296 unless the joint committee determines that any act set forth in s. 464.012(3) or (4) is not a medical act. Such standards shall 3297 be based on risk to the patient and acceptable standards of 3298 3299 medical care and shall take into account the special problems of

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3300 medically underserved areas. The standards developed by the 3301 joint committee shall be adopted as rules by the Board of 3302 Nursing and the Board of Medicine for purposes of carrying out 3303 their responsibilities pursuant to part I of chapter 464 and 3304 this chapter, respectively, but neither board shall have 3305 disciplinary powers over the licensees of the other board.

3306 (4) SUPERVISORY RELATIONSHIPS IN MEDICAL OFFICE SETTINGS.-3307 A physician who supervises an advanced practice registered nurse 3308 practitioner or physician assistant at a medical office other 3309 than the physician's primary practice location, where the 3310 advanced practice registered nurse practitioner or physician 3311 assistant is not under the onsite supervision of a supervising 3312 physician, must comply with the standards set forth in this 3313 subsection. For the purpose of this subsection, a physician's 3314 "primary practice location" means the address reflected on the physician's profile published pursuant to s. 456.041. 3315

3316 A physician who is engaged in providing primary health (a) 3317 care services may not supervise more than four offices in 3318 addition to the physician's primary practice location. For the 3319 purpose of this subsection, "primary health care" means health 3320 care services that are commonly provided to patients without 3321 referral from another practitioner, including obstetrical and gynecological services, and excludes practices providing 3322 primarily dermatologic and skin care services, which include 3323 aesthetic skin care services. 3324

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3325 A physician who is engaged in providing specialty (b) 3326 health care services may not supervise more than two offices in 3327 addition to the physician's primary practice location. For the 3328 purpose of this subsection, "specialty health care" means health 3329 care services that are commonly provided to patients with a 3330 referral from another practitioner and excludes practices 3331 providing primarily dermatologic and skin care services, which 3332 include aesthetic skin care services.

3333 A physician who supervises an advanced practice (C) 3334 registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant at a medical office other than the physician's primary practice 3335 3336 location, where the advanced practice registered nurse 3337 practitioner or physician assistant is not under the onsite 3338 supervision of a supervising physician and the services offered 3339 at the office are primarily dermatologic or skin care services, 3340 which include aesthetic skin care services other than plastic 3341 surgery, must comply with the standards listed in subparagraphs 3342 1.-4. Notwithstanding s. 458.347(4)(e)6., a physician 3343 supervising a physician assistant pursuant to this paragraph may 3344 not be required to review and cosign charts or medical records 3345 prepared by such physician assistant.

3346 1. The physician shall submit to the board the addresses 3347 of all offices where he or she is supervising an advanced 3348 <u>practice</u> registered nurse practitioner or a <u>physician</u> 3349 <u>physician's</u> assistant which are not the physician's primary

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3350 practice location.

3351 2. The physician must be board certified or board eligible 3352 in dermatology or plastic surgery as recognized by the board 3353 pursuant to s. 458.3312.

3. All such offices that are not the physician's primary place of practice must be within 25 miles of the physician's primary place of practice or in a county that is contiguous to the county of the physician's primary place of practice. However, the distance between any of the offices may not exceed 75 miles.

3360 The physician may supervise only one office other than 4. 3361 the physician's primary place of practice except that until July 3362 1, 2011, the physician may supervise up to two medical offices other than the physician's primary place of practice if the 3363 3364 addresses of the offices are submitted to the board before July 1, 2006. Effective July 1, 2011, the physician may supervise 3365 3366 only one office other than the physician's primary place of 3367 practice, regardless of when the addresses of the offices were 3368 submitted to the board.

(d) A physician who supervises an office in addition to the physician's primary practice location must conspicuously post in each of the physician's offices a current schedule of the regular hours when the physician is present in that office and the hours when the office is open while the physician is not present.

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3375 This subsection does not apply to health care services (e) 3376 provided in facilities licensed under chapter 395 or in 3377 conjunction with a college of medicine, a college of nursing, an 3378 accredited graduate medical program, or a nursing education 3379 program; not-for-profit, family-planning clinics that are not 3380 licensed pursuant to chapter 390; rural and federally qualified 3381 health centers; health care services provided in a nursing home 3382 licensed under part II of chapter 400, an assisted living 3383 facility licensed under part I of chapter 429, a continuing care 3384 facility licensed under chapter 651, or a retirement community consisting of independent living units and a licensed nursing 3385 3386 home or assisted living facility; anesthesia services provided 3387 in accordance with law; health care services provided in a 3388 designated rural health clinic; health care services provided to 3389 persons enrolled in a program designed to maintain elderly 3390 persons and persons with disabilities in a home or community-3391 based setting; university primary care student health centers; 3392 school health clinics; or health care services provided in 3393 federal, state, or local government facilities. Subsection (3) 3394 and this subsection do not apply to offices at which the 3395 exclusive service being performed is laser hair removal by an 3396 advanced practice registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant. 3397 Section 72. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 3398

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459.0137, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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459.0137 Pain-management clinics.-

3401 (2) PHYSICIAN RESPONSIBILITIES.—These responsibilities 3402 apply to any osteopathic physician who provides professional 3403 services in a pain-management clinic that is required to be 3404 registered in subsection (1).

3405 An osteopathic physician, a physician assistant, or an (C) 3406 independent advanced practice registered nurse, or an advanced 3407 practice registered nurse practitioner must perform a physical 3408 examination of a patient on the same day that the physician 3409 prescribes a controlled substance to a patient at a pain-3410 management clinic. If the osteopathic physician prescribes more 3411 than a 72-hour dose of controlled substances for the treatment of chronic nonmalignant pain, the osteopathic physician must 3412 3413 document in the patient's record the reason for prescribing that 3414 quantity.

3415 Section 73. Paragraph (hh) of subsection (1) of section 3416 459.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3417 459.015 Grounds for disciplinary action; action by the 3418 board and department.—

3419 (1) The following acts constitute grounds for denial of a 3420 license or disciplinary action, as specified in s. 456.072(2):

(hh) Failing to supervise adequately the activities of those physician assistants, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, advanced <u>practice</u> registered <u>nurses</u> nurse practitioners, anesthesiologist assistants, or other persons

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3425 acting under the supervision of the osteopathic physician.
3426 Section 74. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsection
3427 (3) of section 459.025, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
3428 459.025 Formal supervisory relationships, standing orders,
3429 and established protocols; notice; standards.-

(1) NOTICE.-

3431 (a) When an osteopathic physician enters into a formal 3432 supervisory relationship or standing orders with an emergency 3433 medical technician or paramedic licensed pursuant to s. 401.27, 3434 which relationship or orders contemplate the performance of 3435 medical acts, or when an osteopathic physician enters into an 3436 established protocol with an advanced practice registered nurse 3437 practitioner, which protocol contemplates the performance of 3438 medical acts or acts set forth in s. 464.012(3) and (4), the 3439 osteopathic physician shall submit notice to the board. The 3440 notice must contain a statement in substantially the following 3441 form:

3442 I, ... (name and professional license number of osteopathic 3443 physician)..., of ... (address of osteopathic physician)... have 3444 hereby entered into a formal supervisory relationship, standing 3445 orders, or an established protocol with ... (number of 3446 persons)... emergency medical technician(s), ... (number of 3447 persons)... paramedic(s), or ... (number of persons)... advanced 3448 practice registered <u>nurse(s)</u> nurse practitioner(s).

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3450 An osteopathic physician who supervises an advanced practice 3451 registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant at a 3452 medical office other than the osteopathic physician's primary 3453 practice location, where the advanced practice registered nurse 3454 practitioner or physician assistant is not under the onsite 3455 supervision of a supervising osteopathic physician, must comply 3456 with the standards set forth in this subsection. For the purpose 3457 of this subsection, an osteopathic physician's "primary practice 3458 location" means the address reflected on the physician's profile 3459 published pursuant to s. 456.041.

3460 An osteopathic physician who is engaged in providing (a) 3461 primary health care services may not supervise more than four offices in addition to the osteopathic physician's primary 3462 3463 practice location. For the purpose of this subsection, "primary 3464 health care" means health care services that are commonly provided to patients without referral from another practitioner, 3465 3466 including obstetrical and gynecological services, and excludes 3467 practices providing primarily dermatologic and skin care 3468 services, which include aesthetic skin care services.

(b) An osteopathic physician who is engaged in providing specialty health care services may not supervise more than two offices in addition to the osteopathic physician's primary practice location. For the purpose of this subsection, "specialty health care" means health care services that are commonly provided to patients with a referral from another

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3475 practitioner and excludes practices providing primarily 3476 dermatologic and skin care services, which include aesthetic 3477 skin care services.

3478 An osteopathic physician who supervises an advanced (C) 3479 practice registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant at 3480 a medical office other than the osteopathic physician's primary 3481 practice location, where the advanced practice registered nurse 3482 practitioner or physician assistant is not under the onsite 3483 supervision of a supervising osteopathic physician and the 3484 services offered at the office are primarily dermatologic or skin care services, which include aesthetic skin care services 3485 3486 other than plastic surgery, must comply with the standards listed in subparagraphs 1.-4. Notwithstanding s. 3487 3488 459.022(4)(e)6., an osteopathic physician supervising a 3489 physician assistant pursuant to this paragraph may not be 3490 required to review and cosign charts or medical records prepared 3491 by such physician assistant.

1. The osteopathic physician shall submit to the Board of Osteopathic Medicine the addresses of all offices where <u>the</u> osteopathic physician he or she is supervising or has a protocol with an advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse practitioner or a <u>physician</u> physician's assistant which are not the osteopathic physician's primary practice location.

3498 2. The osteopathic physician must be board certified or 3499 board eligible in dermatology or plastic surgery as recognized

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3500 by the Board of Osteopathic Medicine pursuant to s. 459.0152.

3501 3. All such offices that are not the osteopathic 3502 physician's primary place of practice must be within 25 miles of 3503 the osteopathic physician's primary place of practice or in a 3504 county that is contiguous to the county of the osteopathic 3505 physician's primary place of practice. However, the distance 3506 between any of the offices may not exceed 75 miles.

3507 The osteopathic physician may supervise only one office 4. 3508 other than the osteopathic physician's primary place of practice 3509 except that until July 1, 2011, the osteopathic physician may 3510 supervise up to two medical offices other than the osteopathic 3511 physician's primary place of practice if the addresses of the 3512 offices are submitted to the Board of Osteopathic Medicine 3513 before July 1, 2006. Effective July 1, 2011, the osteopathic 3514 physician may supervise only one office other than the 3515 osteopathic physician's primary place of practice, regardless of 3516 when the addresses of the offices were submitted to the Board of 3517 Osteopathic Medicine.

(d) An osteopathic physician who supervises an office in addition to the osteopathic physician's primary practice location must conspicuously post in each of the osteopathic physician's offices a current schedule of the regular hours when the osteopathic physician is present in that office and the hours when the office is open while the osteopathic physician is not present.

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3525 This subsection does not apply to health care services (e) 3526 provided in facilities licensed under chapter 395 or in 3527 conjunction with a college of medicine or college of nursing or 3528 an accredited graduate medical or nursing education program; 3529 offices where the only service being performed is hair removal 3530 by an advanced practice registered nurse practitioner or 3531 physician assistant; not-for-profit, family-planning clinics 3532 that are not licensed pursuant to chapter 390; rural and 3533 federally qualified health centers; health care services 3534 provided in a nursing home licensed under part II of chapter 3535 400, an assisted living facility licensed under part I of 3536 chapter 429, a continuing care facility licensed under chapter 3537 651, or a retirement community consisting of independent living 3538 units and either a licensed nursing home or assisted living 3539 facility; anesthesia services provided in accordance with law; 3540 health care services provided in a designated rural health 3541 clinic; health care services provided to persons enrolled in a 3542 program designed to maintain elderly persons and persons with 3543 disabilities in a home or community-based setting; university primary care student health centers; school health clinics; or 3544 3545 health care services provided in federal, state, or local 3546 government facilities. Section 75. Subsection (2) of section 464.004, Florida 3547

3548 Statutes, is amended to read:

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464.004 Board of Nursing; membership; appointment; terms.-

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3550 Seven members of the board must be registered nurses (2)3551 who are residents of this state and who have been engaged in the 3552 practice of professional nursing for at least 4 years, including 3553 at least one advanced practice registered nurse practitioner, 3554 one nurse educator member of an approved program, and one nurse 3555 executive. These seven board members should be representative of 3556 the diverse areas of practice within the nursing profession. In 3557 addition, three members of the board must be licensed practical 3558 nurses who are residents of this state and who have been 3559 actively engaged in the practice of practical nursing for at 3560 least 4 years prior to their appointment. The remaining three members must be residents of the state who have never been 3561 3562 licensed as nurses and who are in no way connected with the practice of nursing. No person may be appointed as a lay member 3563 3564 who is in any way connected with, or has any financial interest 3565 in, any health care facility, agency, or insurer. At least one 3566 member of the board must be 60 years of age or older. 3567 Section 76. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 3568 464.0205, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 3569 464.0205 Retired volunteer nurse certificate.-3570 (4) A retired volunteer nurse receiving certification from 3571 the board shall: 3572 (a) Work under the direct supervision of the director of a county health department, a physician working under a limited 3573 3574 license issued pursuant to s. 458.317 or s. 459.0075, a

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3575	physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, an
3576	independent advanced practice registered nurse registered under
3577	<u>s. 464.0125, an</u> advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse practitioner
3578	certified under s. 464.012, or a registered nurse licensed under
3579	s. 464.008 or s. 464.009.
3580	Section 77. Subsection (2) of section 467.003, Florida
3581	Statutes, is amended to read:
3582	467.003 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, unless the
3583	context otherwise requires:
3584	(2) "Certified nurse midwife" means a person who is
3585	<u>certified</u> licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse
3586	practitioner under part I of chapter 464 and who is certified to
3587	practice midwifery by the American College of Nurse Midwives.
3588	Section 78. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
3589	480.0475, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
3590	480.0475 Massage establishments; prohibited practices
3591	(1) A person may not operate a massage establishment
3592	between the hours of midnight and 5 a.m. This subsection does
3593	not apply to a massage establishment:
3594	(b) In which every massage performed between the hours of
3595	midnight and 5 a.m. is performed by a massage therapist acting
3596	under the prescription of a physician or physician assistant
3597	licensed under chapter 458, an osteopathic physician or
3598	physician assistant licensed under chapter 459, a chiropractic
3599	physician licensed under chapter 460, a podiatric physician
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3600 licensed under chapter 461, an independent advanced practice 3601 registered nurse registered or an advanced practice registered 3602 nurse certified practitioner licensed under part I of chapter 3603 464, or a dentist licensed under chapter 466; or 3604 Section 79. Subsection (7) of section 483.041, Florida 3605 Statutes, is amended to read: 3606 483.041 Definitions.-As used in this part, the term: 3607 "Licensed practitioner" means a physician licensed (7)under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, or chapter 461; a 3608 3609 physician assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459; a 3610 certified optometrist licensed under chapter 463; a dentist 3611 licensed under chapter 466; a person licensed under chapter 462; a consultant pharmacist or doctor of pharmacy licensed under 3612 3613 chapter 465; an independent advanced practice registered nurse 3614 registered or an advanced practice registered nurse certified practitioner licensed under part I of chapter 464; or a duly 3615 3616 licensed practitioner from another state licensed under similar 3617 statutes who orders examinations on materials or specimens for 3618 nonresidents of the State of Florida, but who reside in the same 3619 state as the requesting licensed practitioner. 3620 Section 80. Subsection (5) of section 483.181, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 3621 3622 483.181 Acceptance, collection, identification, and examination of specimens.-3623 3624 (5) A clinical laboratory licensed under this part must Page 145 of 185

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3625	make its services available to a practitioner licensed <u>,</u>							
3626	certified, or registered under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter							
3627	460, chapter 461, chapter 462, chapter 463, s. 464.012, <u>s.</u>							
3628	464.0125, or chapter 466, or to a consultant pharmacist or							
3629	doctor of pharmacy licensed under chapter 465. A clinical							
3630	laboratory shall not charge different prices for its services							
3631	based upon the chapter under which a practitioner is licensed.							
3632	Section 81. Subsection (5) of section 483.801, Florida							
3633	Statutes, is amended to read:							
3634	483.801 ExemptionsThis part applies to all clinical							
3635	laboratories and clinical laboratory personnel within this							
3636	state, except:							
3637	(5) Advanced <u>practice</u> registered <u>nurses certified</u> nurse							
3638	practitioners licensed under part I of chapter 464 who perform							
3639	provider-performed microscopy procedures (PPMP) in an exclusive-							
3640	use laboratory setting.							
3641	Section 82. Paragraph (a) of subsection (11) of section							
3642	486.021, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:							
3643	486.021 DefinitionsIn this chapter, unless the context							
3644	otherwise requires, the term:							
3645	(11) "Practice of physical therapy" means the performance							
3646	of physical therapy assessments and the treatment of any							
3647	disability, injury, disease, or other health condition of human							
3648	beings, or the prevention of such disability, injury, disease,							
3649	or other condition of health, and rehabilitation as related							
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3650 thereto by the use of the physical, chemical, and other properties of air; electricity; exercise; massage; the 3651 3652 performance of acupuncture only upon compliance with the 3653 criteria set forth by the Board of Medicine, when no penetration 3654 of the skin occurs; the use of radiant energy, including 3655 ultraviolet, visible, and infrared rays; ultrasound; water; the 3656 use of apparatus and equipment in the application of the 3657 foregoing or related thereto; the performance of tests of 3658 neuromuscular functions as an aid to the diagnosis or treatment 3659 of any human condition; or the performance of electromyography 3660 as an aid to the diagnosis of any human condition only upon 3661 compliance with the criteria set forth by the Board of Medicine.

3662 A physical therapist may implement a plan of treatment (a) 3663 developed by the physical therapist for a patient or provided 3664 for a patient by a practitioner of record, or by an independent 3665 advanced practice registered nurse registered under s. 464.0125, 3666 or an advanced practice registered nurse certified practitioner 3667 licensed under s. 464.012. The physical therapist shall refer 3668 the patient to or consult with a practitioner of record if the 3669 patient's condition is found to be outside the scope of physical 3670 therapy. If physical therapy treatment for a patient is required beyond 30 days for a condition not previously assessed by a 3671 practitioner of record, the physical therapist shall have a 3672 practitioner of record review and sign the plan. The requirement 3673 3674 that a physical therapist have a practitioner of record review

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3675 and sign a plan of treatment does not apply when a patient has been physically examined by a physician licensed in another 3676 3677 state, the patient has been diagnosed by the physician as having 3678 a condition for which physical therapy is required, and the 3679 physical therapist is treating the condition. For purposes of 3680 this paragraph, a health care practitioner licensed under 3681 chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, or chapter 3682 466 and engaged in active practice is eligible to serve as a 3683 practitioner of record. 3684 Section 83. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) of section 3685 490.012, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 3686 490.012 Violations; penalties; injunction.-3687 (1)3688 (d) No person shall hold herself or himself out by any title or description incorporating the word, or a permutation of 3689 3690 the word, "psychotherapy" unless such person holds a valid, 3691 active license under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 490, or 3692 chapter 491, or such person is registered as an independent 3693 advanced practice registered nurse under s. 464.0125 or 3694 certified as an advanced practice registered nurse under 3695 practitioner, pursuant to s. 464.012, and who has been determined by the Board of Nursing to be as a specialist in 3696 psychiatric mental health. 3697 Section 84. Subsection (1) of section 491.0057, Florida 3698 3699 Statutes, is amended to read:

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3700 491.0057 Dual licensure as a marriage and family 3701 therapist.-The department shall license as a marriage and family 3702 therapist any person who demonstrates to the board that he or 3703 she: 3704 (1)Holds a valid, active license as a psychologist under 3705 chapter 490 or as a clinical social worker or mental health 3706 counselor under this chapter, or is registered under s. 464.0125 3707 as an independent advanced practice registered nurse or 3708 certified under s. 464.012 as an advanced practice registered 3709 nurse and practitioner who has been determined by the Board of 3710 Nursing to be as a specialist in psychiatric mental health. 3711 Section 85. Paragraph (d) of subsection (1) and subsection (2) of section 491.012, Florida Statutes, are amended to read: 3712 3713 491.012 Violations; penalty; injunction.-3714 It is unlawful and a violation of this chapter for any (1) 3715 person to: 3716 (d) Use the terms psychotherapist, sex therapist, or 3717 juvenile sexual offender therapist unless such person is 3718 licensed pursuant to this chapter or chapter 490, or is 3719 registered under s. 464.0125 as an independent advanced practice 3720 registered nurse or certified under s. 464.012 as an advanced 3721 practice registered nurse and practitioner who has been determined by the Board of Nursing to be as a specialist in 3722 psychiatric mental health and the use of such terms is within 3723 the scope of her or his practice based on education, training, 3724

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and licensure.

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3726	(2) It is unlawful and a violation of this chapter for any							
3727	person to describe her or his services using the following terms							
3728	or any derivative thereof, unless such person holds a valid,							
3729	active license under this chapter or chapter 490, or is							
3730	registered under s. 464.0125 as an independent advanced practice							
3731	registered nurse or certified under s. 464.012 as an advanced							
3732	practice registered nurse and practitioner who has been							
3733	determined by the Board of Nursing <u>to be</u> as a specialist in							
3734	psychiatric mental health and the use of such terms is within							
3735	the scope of her or his practice based on education, training,							
3736	and licensure:							
3737	(a) "Psychotherapy."							
3738	(b) "Sex therapy."							
3739	(c) "Sex counseling."							
3740	(d) "Clinical social work."							
3741	(e) "Psychiatric social work."							
3742	(f) "Marriage and family therapy."							
3743	(g) "Marriage and family counseling."							
3744	(h) "Marriage counseling."							
3745	(i) "Family counseling."							
3746	(j) "Mental health counseling."							
3747	Section 86. Subsection (2) of section 493.6108, Florida							
3748	Statutes, is amended to read:							
3749	493.6108 Investigation of applicants by Department of							

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3750 Agriculture and Consumer Services.-

In addition to subsection (1), the department shall 3751 (2)3752 make an investigation of the general physical fitness of the 3753 Class "G" applicant to bear a weapon or firearm. Determination 3754 of physical fitness shall be certified by a physician or 3755 physician assistant currently licensed pursuant to chapter 458, 3756 chapter 459, or any similar law of another state or authorized 3757 to act as a licensed physician by a federal agency or 3758 department, or by an independent advanced practice registered 3759 nurse registered or an advanced practice registered nurse 3760 certified under part I of practitioner currently licensed 3761 pursuant to chapter 464. Such certification shall be submitted 3762 on a form provided by the department.

3763 Section 87. Subsection (1) of section 626.9707, Florida 3764 Statutes, is amended to read:

3765 626.9707 Disability insurance; discrimination on basis of 3766 sickle-cell trait prohibited.-

3767 An No insurer authorized to transact insurance in this (1)3768 state may not shall refuse to issue and deliver in this state 3769 any policy of disability insurance, whether such policy is 3770 defined as individual, group, blanket, franchise, industrial, or 3771 otherwise, which is currently being issued for delivery in this state and which affords benefits and coverage for any medical 3772 treatment or service authorized and permitted to be furnished by 3773 3774 a hospital, a clinic, a health clinic, a neighborhood health

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3775 clinic, a health maintenance organization, a physician, a 3776 physician physician's assistant, an independent advanced 3777 practice registered nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse 3778 practitioner, or a medical service facility or personnel solely 3779 because the person to be insured has the sickle-cell trait. 3780 Section 88. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 3781 627.357, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 3782 627.357 Medical malpractice self-insurance.-3783 DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term: (1)3784 (b) "Health care provider" means any: 3785 1. Hospital licensed under chapter 395. 3786 2. Physician licensed, or physician assistant licensed, 3787 under chapter 458. 3788 3. Osteopathic physician or physician assistant licensed 3789 under chapter 459. 3790 Podiatric physician licensed under chapter 461. 4. 3791 5. Health maintenance organization certificated under part 3792 I of chapter 641. 3793 6. Ambulatory surgical center licensed under chapter 395. 3794 Chiropractic physician licensed under chapter 460. 7. 3795 8. Psychologist licensed under chapter 490. 3796 Optometrist licensed under chapter 463. 9. 3797 10. Dentist licensed under chapter 466. 3798 11. Pharmacist licensed under chapter 465. 3799 12. Registered nurse, licensed practical nurse,

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3800 independent advanced practice registered nurse, or advanced practice registered nurse practitioner licensed, or registered, 3801 3802 or certified under part I of chapter 464. 3803 13. Other medical facility. 3804 14. Professional association, partnership, corporation, 3805 joint venture, or other association established by the 3806 individuals set forth in subparagraphs 2., 3., 4., 7., 8., 9., 3807 10., 11., and 12. for professional activity. 3808 Section 89. Subsection (6) of section 627.6471, Florida 3809 Statutes, is amended to read: 627.6471 Contracts for reduced rates of payment; 3810 3811 limitations; coinsurance and deductibles.-3812 If psychotherapeutic services are covered by a policy (6) 3813 issued by the insurer, the insurer shall provide eligibility 3814 criteria for each group of health care providers licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 490, or chapter 491, which 3815 3816 include psychotherapy within the scope of their practice as 3817 provided by law, or for any person who is registered as an 3818 independent advanced practice registered nurse under s. 464.0125 3819 or certified as an advanced practice registered nurse 3820 practitioner in psychiatric mental health under s. 464.012 and 3821 who specializes in psychiatric mental health. When 3822 psychotherapeutic services are covered, eligibility criteria shall be established by the insurer to be included in the 3823 3824 insurer's criteria for selection of network providers. The

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insurer may not discriminate against a health care provider by excluding such practitioner from its provider network solely on the basis of the practitioner's license.

3828 Section 90. Subsections (15) and (17) of section 627.6472, 3829 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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627.6472 Exclusive provider organizations.-

3831 (15)If psychotherapeutic services are covered by a policy 3832 issued by the insurer, the insurer shall provide eligibility 3833 criteria for all groups of health care providers licensed under 3834 chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 490, or chapter 491, which 3835 include psychotherapy within the scope of their practice as 3836 provided by law, or for any person who is registered as an 3837 independent advanced practice registered nurse under s. 464.0125 3838 or certified as an advanced practice registered nurse 3839 practitioner in psychiatric mental health under s. 464.012 and 3840 who specializes in psychiatric mental health. When 3841 psychotherapeutic services are covered, eligibility criteria 3842 shall be established by the insurer to be included in the 3843 insurer's criteria for selection of network providers. The 3844 insurer may not discriminate against a health care provider by 3845 excluding such practitioner from its provider network solely on 3846 the basis of the practitioner's license.

3847 (17) An exclusive provider organization <u>may shall</u> not 3848 discriminate with respect to participation as to any <u>independent</u> 3849 <u>advanced practice registered nurse registered pursuant to s.</u>

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3850 464.0125 or advanced practice registered nurse practitioner licensed and certified pursuant to s. 464.012, who is acting 3851 3852 within the scope of such registration or license and 3853 certification, solely on the basis of such registration license 3854 or certification. This subsection may shall not be construed to 3855 prohibit a plan from including providers only to the extent 3856 necessary to meet the needs of the plan's enrollees or from 3857 establishing any measure designed to maintain quality and 3858 control costs consistent with the responsibilities of the plan.

3859 Section 91. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 3860 627.736, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3861 627.736 Required personal injury protection benefits; 3862 exclusions; priority; claims.-

3863 (1) REQUIRED BENEFITS. - An insurance policy complying with 3864 the security requirements of s. 627.733 must provide personal 3865 injury protection to the named insured, relatives residing in 3866 the same household, persons operating the insured motor vehicle, 3867 passengers in the motor vehicle, and other persons struck by the 3868 motor vehicle and suffering bodily injury while not an occupant 3869 of a self-propelled vehicle, subject to subsection (2) and 3870 paragraph (4)(e), to a limit of \$10,000 in medical and 3871 disability benefits and \$5,000 in death benefits resulting from bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death arising out of the 3872 ownership, maintenance, or use of a motor vehicle as follows: 3873 3874 (a) Medical benefits.-Eighty percent of all reasonable

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3875 expenses for medically necessary medical, surgical, X-ray, 3876 dental, and rehabilitative services, including prosthetic 3877 devices and medically necessary ambulance, hospital, and nursing 3878 services if the individual receives initial services and care 3879 pursuant to subparagraph 1. within 14 days after the motor 3880 vehicle accident. The medical benefits provide reimbursement 3881 only for:

3882 Initial services and care that are lawfully provided, 1. 3883 supervised, ordered, or prescribed by a physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, a dentist licensed under chapter 3884 466, or a chiropractic physician licensed under chapter 460, or 3885 3886 an independent advance practice registered nurse registered 3887 under s. 464.0125, or that are provided in a hospital or in a 3888 facility that owns, or is wholly owned by, a hospital. Initial 3889 services and care may also be provided by a person or entity 3890 licensed under part III of chapter 401 which provides emergency 3891 transportation and treatment.

3892 Upon referral by a provider described in subparagraph 2. 3893 1., followup services and care consistent with the underlying 3894 medical diagnosis rendered pursuant to subparagraph 1. which may 3895 be provided, supervised, ordered, or prescribed only by a 3896 physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, a chiropractic physician licensed under chapter 460, a dentist 3897 licensed under chapter 466, an independent advance practice 3898 registered nurse registered under s. 464.0125, or, to the extent 3899

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3900 permitted by applicable law and under the supervision of such physician, osteopathic physician, chiropractic physician, or 3901 3902 dentist, or independent advanced practice registered nurse, by a physician assistant licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 or 3903 3904 an advanced practice registered nurse certified practitioner 3905 licensed under s. 464.012 chapter 464. Followup services and 3906 care may also be provided by the following persons or entities: 3907 A hospital or ambulatory surgical center licensed under a. 3908 chapter 395.

b. An entity wholly owned by one or more physicians
licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, chiropractic
physicians licensed under chapter 460, <u>independent advanced</u>
<u>practice registered nurses registered under s. 464.0125,</u> or
dentists licensed under chapter 466 or by such practitioners and
the spouse, parent, child, or sibling of such practitioners.

3915 c. An entity that owns or is wholly owned, directly or3916 indirectly, by a hospital or hospitals.

3917 d. A physical therapist licensed under chapter 486, based3918 upon a referral by a provider described in this subparagraph.

3919 e. A health care clinic licensed under part X of chapter
3920 400 which is accredited by an accrediting organization whose
3921 standards incorporate comparable regulations required by this
3922 state, or

(I) Has a medical director licensed under chapter 458,chapter 459, or chapter 460;

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3925 Has been continuously licensed for more than 3 years (II)or is a publicly traded corporation that issues securities 3926 3927 traded on an exchange registered with the United States 3928 Securities and Exchange Commission as a national securities 3929 exchange; and 3930 (III) Provides at least four of the following medical 3931 specialties: General medicine. 3932 (A) 3933 (B) Radiography. 3934 (C) Orthopedic medicine. 3935 (D) Physical medicine. 3936 (E) Physical therapy. 3937 (F) Physical rehabilitation. 3938 (G) Prescribing or dispensing outpatient prescription 3939 medication. 3940 Laboratory services. (H) 3941 3. Reimbursement for services and care provided in 3942 subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. up to \$10,000 if a physician 3943 licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, a dentist licensed 3944 under chapter 466, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 3945 458 or chapter 459, an independent advanced practice registered 3946 nurse registered under s. 464.0125, or an advanced practice registered nurse certified practitioner licensed under s. 3947 3948 464.012 chapter 464 has determined that the injured person had an emergency medical condition. 3949

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3950 4. Reimbursement for services and care provided in 3951 subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. is limited to \$2,500 if a 3952 provider listed in subparagraph 1. or subparagraph 2. determines 3953 that the injured person did not have an emergency medical 3954 condition.

3955 5. Medical benefits do not include massage as defined in 3956 s. 480.033 or acupuncture as defined in s. 457.102, regardless 3957 of the person, entity, or licensee providing massage or 3958 acupuncture, and a licensed massage therapist or licensed 3959 acupuncturist may not be reimbursed for medical benefits under 3960 this section.

3961 6. The Financial Services Commission shall adopt by rule 3962 the form that must be used by an insurer and a health care 3963 provider specified in sub-subparagraph 2.b., sub-subparagraph 3964 2.c., or sub-subparagraph 2.e. to document that the health care 3965 provider meets the criteria of this paragraph. Such rule must 3966 include a requirement for a sworn statement or affidavit.

3968 Only insurers writing motor vehicle liability insurance in this 3969 state may provide the required benefits of this section, and 3970 such insurer may not require the purchase of any other motor 3971 vehicle coverage other than the purchase of property damage 3972 liability coverage as required by s. 627.7275 as a condition for 3973 providing such benefits. Insurers may not require that property 3974 damage liability insurance in an amount greater than \$10,000 be

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3975 purchased in conjunction with personal injury protection. Such insurers shall make benefits and required property damage 3976 3977 liability insurance coverage available through normal marketing 3978 channels. An insurer writing motor vehicle liability insurance 3979 in this state who fails to comply with such availability 3980 requirement as a general business practice violates part IX of 3981 chapter 626, and such violation constitutes an unfair method of 3982 competition or an unfair or deceptive act or practice involving 3983 the business of insurance. An insurer committing such violation 3984 is subject to the penalties provided under that part, as well as those provided elsewhere in the insurance code. 3985

3986 Section 92. Subsection (5) of section 633.412, Florida 3987 Statutes, is amended to read:

3988633.412 Firefighters; qualifications for certification.—A3989person applying for certification as a firefighter must:

3990 (5) Be in good physical condition as determined by a 3991 medical examination given by a physician, surgeon, or physician 3992 assistant licensed to practice in the state under pursuant to 3993 chapter 458; an osteopathic physician, surgeon, or physician 3994 assistant licensed to practice in the state under pursuant to 3995 chapter 459; or an independent advanced practice registered 3996 nurse registered or an advanced practice registered nurse 3997 certified practitioner licensed to practice in the state under part I of pursuant to chapter 464. Such examination may include, 3998 but need not be limited to, the National Fire Protection 3999

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4000 Association Standard 1582. A medical examination evidencing good 4001 physical condition shall be submitted to the division, on a form 4002 as provided by rule, before an individual is eligible for 4003 admission into a course under s. 633.408.

4004 Section 93. Section 641.3923, Florida Statutes, is amended 4005 to read:

4006 641.3923 Discrimination against providers prohibited.-A 4007 health maintenance organization may shall not discriminate with 4008 respect to participation as to any independent advanced practice registered nurse registered under s. 464.0125, advanced practice 4009 registered nurse practitioner licensed and certified under 4010 4011 pursuant to s. 464.012, or physician assistant licensed under 4012 chapter 458 or chapter 459, who is acting within the scope of 4013 such registration, license and certification, or license, solely 4014 on the basis of such registration, license or certification, or license. This section may shall not be construed to prohibit a 4015 4016 plan from including providers only to the extent necessary to 4017 meet the needs of the plan's enrollees or from establishing any 4018 measure designed to maintain quality and control costs 4019 consistent with the responsibilities of the plan.

4020 Section 94. Subsection (8) of section 641.495, Florida 4021 Statutes, is amended to read:

4022 641.495 Requirements for issuance and maintenance of 4023 certificate.-

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(8) Each organization's contracts, certificates, and

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4025 subscriber handbooks shall contain a provision, if applicable, 4026 disclosing that, for certain types of described medical 4027 procedures, services may be provided by physician assistants, 4028 <u>independent advanced practice registered nurses, advanced</u> 4029 <u>practice registered nurses nurse practitioners</u>, or other 4030 individuals who are not licensed physicians.

4031 Section 95. Subsection (1) of section 744.2006, Florida 4032 Statutes, is amended to read:

4033 744.2006 Office of Public and Professional Guardians; 4034 appointment, notification.-

4035 The executive director of the Office of Public and (1)4036 Professional Guardians, after consultation with the chief judge 4037 and other circuit judges within the judicial circuit and with 4038 appropriate advocacy groups and individuals and organizations 4039 who are knowledgeable about the needs of incapacitated persons, 4040 may establish, within a county in the judicial circuit or within 4041 the judicial circuit, one or more offices of public guardian and 4042 if so established, shall create a list of persons best qualified 4043 to serve as the public guardian, who have been investigated 4044 pursuant to s. 744.3135. The public guardian must have knowledge of the legal process and knowledge of social services available 4045 4046 to meet the needs of incapacitated persons. The public guardian 4047 shall maintain a staff or contract with professionally qualified individuals to carry out the guardianship functions, including 4048 4049 an attorney who has experience in probate areas and another

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4050 person who has a master's degree in social work, or a 4051 gerontologist, <u>a</u> psychologist, <u>a</u> registered nurse, <u>an</u> 4052 <u>independent advanced practice registered nurse</u>, or <u>an advanced</u> 4053 <u>practice registered</u> nurse practitioner. A public guardian that 4054 is a nonprofit corporate guardian under s. 744.309(5) must 4055 receive tax-exempt status from the United States Internal 4056 Revenue Service.

4057 Section 96. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 4058 744.331, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

4059 4060 744.331 Procedures to determine incapacity.-

(3) EXAMINING COMMITTEE.-

4061 (a) Within 5 days after a petition for determination of 4062 incapacity has been filed, the court shall appoint an examining 4063 committee consisting of three members. One member must be a 4064 psychiatrist or other physician. The remaining members must be 4065 either a psychologist, a gerontologist, a another psychiatrist, 4066 a or other physician, a registered nurse, an advanced practice 4067 registered nurse practitioner, a physician assistant, a licensed 4068 social worker, a person with an advanced degree in gerontology 4069 from an accredited institution of higher education, or another 4070 other person who by knowledge, skill, experience, training, or 4071 education may, in the court's discretion, advise the court in the form of an expert opinion. One of three members of the 4072 committee must have knowledge of the type of incapacity alleged 4073 4074 in the petition. Unless good cause is shown, the attending or

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4075 family physician may not be appointed to the committee. If the 4076 attending or family physician is available for consultation, the 4077 committee must consult with the physician. Members of the 4078 examining committee may not be related to or associated with one 4079 another, with the petitioner, with counsel for the petitioner or 4080 the proposed guardian, or with the person alleged to be totally 4081 or partially incapacitated. A member may not be employed by any 4082 private or governmental agency that has custody of, or 4083 furnishes, services or subsidies, directly or indirectly, to the 4084 person or the family of the person alleged to be incapacitated or for whom a guardianship is sought. A petitioner may not serve 4085 4086 as a member of the examining committee. Members of the examining 4087 committee must be able to communicate, either directly or 4088 through an interpreter, in the language that the alleged 4089 incapacitated person speaks or to communicate in a medium 4090 understandable to the alleged incapacitated person if she or he 4091 is able to communicate. The clerk of the court shall send notice 4092 of the appointment to each person appointed no later than 3 days 4093 after the court's appointment.

4094 Section 97. Subsection (6) of section 766.102, Florida 4095 Statutes, is amended to read:

4096 766.102 Medical negligence; standards of recovery; expert 4097 witness.-

4098 (6) A physician licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459 4099 who qualifies as an expert witness under subsection (5) and who,

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4100 by reason of active clinical practice or instruction of 4101 students, has knowledge of the applicable standard of care for 4102 nurses, independent advanced practice registered nurses, 4103 advanced practice registered nurses nurse practitioners, 4104 certified registered nurse anesthetists, certified registered 4105 nurse midwives, physician assistants, or other medical support 4106 staff may give expert testimony in a medical negligence action 4107 with respect to the standard of care of such medical support staff. 4108 4109 Section 98. Subsection (3) of section 766.103, Florida

4110 Statutes, is amended to read:

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766.103 Florida Medical Consent Law.-

4112 (3) No Recovery is not shall be allowed in any court in 4113 this state against any physician licensed under chapter 458, 4114 osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459, chiropractic physician licensed under chapter 460, podiatric physician 4115 4116 licensed under chapter 461, dentist licensed under chapter 466, 4117 independent advanced practice registered nurse registered under 4118 s. 464.0125, advanced practice registered nurse practitioner 4119 certified under s. 464.012, or physician assistant licensed 4120 under s. 458.347 or s. 459.022 in an action brought for treating, examining, or operating on a patient without his or 4121 her informed consent when: 4122

4123 (a)1. The action of the physician, osteopathic physician,4124 chiropractic physician, podiatric physician, dentist,

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4125 independent advanced practice registered nurse, advanced 4126 practice registered nurse practitioner, or physician assistant 4127 in obtaining the consent of the patient or another person 4128 authorized to give consent for the patient was in accordance 4129 with an accepted standard of medical practice among members of 4130 the medical profession with similar training and experience in 4131 the same or similar medical community as that of the person 4132 treating, examining, or operating on the patient for whom the 4133 consent is obtained; and

4134 2. A reasonable individual, from the information provided 4135 by the physician, osteopathic physician, chiropractic physician, podiatric physician, dentist, independent advanced practice 4136 4137 registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse 4138 practitioner, or physician assistant, under the circumstances, 4139 would have a general understanding of the procedure, the 4140 medically acceptable alternative procedures or treatments, and 4141 the substantial risks and hazards inherent in the proposed 4142 treatment or procedures, which are recognized among other 4143 physicians, osteopathic physicians, chiropractic physicians, 4144 podiatric physicians, or dentists in the same or similar 4145 community who perform similar treatments or procedures; or

(b) The patient would reasonably, under all the surrounding circumstances, have undergone such treatment or procedure had he or she been advised by the physician, osteopathic physician, chiropractic physician, podiatric

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physician, dentist, independent advanced practice registered 4150 4151 nurse, advanced practice registered nurse practitioner, or 4152 physician assistant in accordance with the provisions of 4153 paragraph (a). 4154 Section 99. Paragraph (d) of subsection (3) of section 4155 766.1115, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 4156 766.1115 Health care providers; creation of agency 4157 relationship with governmental contractors.-4158 (3) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term: "Health care provider" or "provider" means: 4159 (d) 4160 1. A birth center licensed under chapter 383. 4161 2. An ambulatory surgical center licensed under chapter 395. 4162 4163 3. A hospital licensed under chapter 395. 4164 A physician or physician assistant licensed under 4. chapter 458. 4165 4166 5. An osteopathic physician or osteopathic physician assistant licensed under chapter 459. 4167 4168 6. A chiropractic physician licensed under chapter 460. 4169 A podiatric physician licensed under chapter 461. 7. 4170 A registered nurse, nurse midwife, a licensed practical 8. 4171 nurse, an independent advanced practice registered nurse, or an advanced practice registered nurse practitioner licensed, 4172 registered, or certified registered under part I of chapter 464 4173 4174 or any facility which employs nurses licensed or registered

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4175 under part I of chapter 464 to supply all or part of the care delivered under this section. 4176 4177 9. A midwife licensed under chapter 467. 4178 A health maintenance organization certificated under 10. 4179 part I of chapter 641. 4180 A health care professional association and its 11. 4181 employees or a corporate medical group and its employees. 4182 Any other medical facility the primary purpose of 12. 4183 which is to deliver human medical diagnostic services or which 4184 delivers nonsurgical human medical treatment, and which includes 4185 an office maintained by a provider. 4186 13. A dentist or dental hygienist licensed under chapter 4187 466. 4188 14. A free clinic that delivers only medical diagnostic 4189 services or nonsurgical medical treatment free of charge to all 4190 low-income recipients. 4191 15. Any other health care professional, practitioner, 4192 provider, or facility under contract with a governmental 4193 contractor, including a student enrolled in an accredited 4194 program that prepares the student for licensure as any one of 4195 the professionals listed in subparagraphs 4.-9. 4196 4197 The term includes any nonprofit corporation qualified as exempt from federal income taxation under s. 501(a) of the Internal 4198 4199 Revenue Code, and described in s. 501(c) of the Internal Revenue

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4200 Code, which delivers health care services provided by licensed 4201 professionals listed in this paragraph, any federally funded 4202 community health center, and any volunteer corporation or 4203 volunteer health care provider that delivers health care 4204 services.

4205 Section 100. Subsection (1) of section 766.1116, Florida 4206 Statutes, is amended to read:

4207 766.1116 Health care practitioner; waiver of license 4208 renewal fees and continuing education requirements.-

4209 As used in this section, the term "health care (1)4210 practitioner" means a physician or physician assistant licensed 4211 under chapter 458; an osteopathic physician or physician 4212 assistant licensed under chapter 459; a chiropractic physician 4213 licensed under chapter 460; a podiatric physician licensed under 4214 chapter 461; an independent advanced practice registered nurse, 4215 an advanced practice registered nurse practitioner, a registered 4216 nurse, or a licensed practical nurse licensed, registered, or 4217 certified under part I of chapter 464; a dentist or dental 4218 hygienist licensed under chapter 466; or a midwife licensed 4219 under chapter 467, who participates as a health care provider 4220 under s. 766.1115.

4221 Section 101. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 4222 766.118, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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766.118 Determination of noneconomic damages.-

(1) DEFINITIONS.-As used in this section, the term:

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4225 "Practitioner" means any person licensed, registered, (C) or certified under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, 4226 4227 chapter 461, chapter 462, chapter 463, chapter 466, chapter 467, 4228 or chapter 486; s. 464.0125; or certified under s. 464.012. 4229 "Practitioner" also means any association, corporation, firm, 4230 partnership, or other business entity under which such 4231 practitioner practices or any employee of such practitioner or 4232 entity acting in the scope of his or her employment. For the 4233 purpose of determining the limitations on noneconomic damages 4234 set forth in this section, the term "practitioner" includes any 4235 person or entity for whom a practitioner is vicariously liable 4236 and any person or entity whose liability is based solely on such person or entity being vicariously liable for the actions of a 4237 4238 practitioner. 4239 Section 102. Subsection (3) of section 768.135, Florida 4240 Statutes, is amended to read:

768.135 Volunteer team practitioner physicians; immunity.-

(3) A practitioner licensed, certified, or registered
under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, or s. 464.012, or
<u>s. 464.0125</u> who gratuitously and in good faith conducts an
evaluation pursuant to s. 1006.20(2)(c) is not liable for any
civil damages arising from that evaluation unless the evaluation
was conducted in a wrongful manner.

4248 Section 103. Subsection (4) of section 782.071, Florida 4249 Statutes, is amended to read:

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4250	782.071 Vehicular homicide"Vehicular homicide" is the
4251	killing of a human being, or the killing of an unborn child by
4252	any injury to the mother, caused by the operation of a motor
4253	vehicle by another in a reckless manner likely to cause the
4254	death of, or great bodily harm to, another.
4255	(4) In addition to any other punishment, the court may
4256	order the person to serve 120 community service hours in a
4257	trauma center or hospital that regularly receives victims of
4258	vehicle accidents, under the supervision of an independent
4259	advanced practice registered nurse, an advanced practice
4260	registered nurse, a registered nurse, an emergency room
4261	physician, or an emergency medical technician pursuant to a
4262	voluntary community service program operated by the trauma
4263	center or hospital.
4264	Section 104. Subsection (5) of section 794.08, Florida
4265	Statutes, is amended to read:
4266	794.08 Female genital mutilation
4267	(5) This section does not apply to procedures performed by
4268	or under the direction of a physician licensed under chapter
4269	458 <u>;</u> $ au$ an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 459 <u>;</u> $ au$ a
4270	registered nurse licensed under part I of chapter 464 , a
4271	practical nurse licensed under part I of chapter 464 , <u>an</u>
4272	independent advanced practice registered nurse, or an advanced
4273	practice registered nurse practitioner licensed, registered, or
4274	<u>certified</u> under part I of chapter 464 <u>;</u> a midwife licensed under
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4275 chapter $467_{i\tau}$ or a physician assistant licensed under chapter 4276 458 or chapter 459, when necessary to preserve the physical 4277 health of a female person. This section also does not apply to 4278 any autopsy or limited dissection conducted pursuant to chapter 4279 406.

4280 Section 105. Subsection (23) of section 893.02, Florida 4281 Statutes, is amended to read:

4282 893.02 Definitions.—The following words and phrases as 4283 used in this chapter shall have the following meanings, unless 4284 the context otherwise requires:

4285 "Practitioner" means a physician licensed under (23)4286 chapter 458, a dentist licensed under chapter 466, a 4287 veterinarian licensed under chapter 474, an osteopathic 4288 physician licensed under chapter 459, an independent advanced 4289 practice registered nurse registered under s. 464.0125, an 4290 advanced practice registered nurse practitioner certified under 4291 s. 464.012 chapter 464, a naturopath licensed under chapter 462, 42.92 a certified optometrist licensed under chapter 463, a 4293 psychiatric nurse as defined in s. 394.455, a podiatric 4294 physician licensed under chapter 461, or a physician assistant 4295 licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, provided such 4296 practitioner holds a valid federal controlled substance registry 4297 number.

4298 Section 106. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 4299 893.05, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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4300 893.05 Practitioners and persons administering controlled4301 substances in their absence.-

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4303 Pursuant to s. 458.347(4)(g), s. 459.022(4)(f), or s. (b) 4304 464.012(3), as applicable, a practitioner who supervises a 4305 licensed physician assistant or certified advanced practice 4306 registered nurse practitioner may authorize the licensed 4307 physician assistant or certified advanced practice registered 4308 nurse practitioner to order controlled substances for 4309 administration to a patient in a facility licensed under chapter 4310 395 or part II of chapter 400.

4311 Section 107. Subsection (6) of section 943.13, Florida4312 Statutes, is amended to read:

4313 943.13 Officers' minimum qualifications for employment or 4314 appointment.-On or after October 1, 1984, any person employed or 4315 appointed as a full-time, part-time, or auxiliary law 4316 enforcement officer or correctional officer; on or after October 4317 1, 1986, any person employed as a full-time, part-time, or 4318 auxiliary correctional probation officer; and on or after 4319 October 1, 1986, any person employed as a full-time, part-time, 4320 or auxiliary correctional officer by a private entity under 4321 contract to the Department of Corrections, to a county 4322 commission, or to the Department of Management Services shall:

4323 (6) Have passed a physical examination by a licensed
4324 physician, <u>a physician assistant</u>, <u>a registered independent</u>

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4325 advanced practice registered nurse, or a certified advanced 4326 practice registered nurse practitioner, based on specifications 4327 established by the commission. In order to be eligible for the 4328 presumption set forth in s. 112.18 while employed with an 4329 employing agency, a law enforcement officer, correctional 4330 officer, or correctional probation officer must have 4331 successfully passed the physical examination required by this 4332 subsection upon entering into service as a law enforcement 4333 officer, correctional officer, or correctional probation officer 4334 with the employing agency, which examination must have failed to 4335 reveal any evidence of tuberculosis, heart disease, or 4336 hypertension. A law enforcement officer, correctional officer, 4337 or correctional probation officer may not use a physical 4338 examination from a former employing agency for purposes of 4339 claiming the presumption set forth in s. 112.18 against the 4340 current employing agency.

4341 Section 108. Subsection (2) of section 945.603, Florida4342 Statutes, is amended to read:

945.603 Powers and duties of authority.—The purpose of the authority is to assist in the delivery of health care services for inmates in the Department of Corrections by advising the Secretary of Corrections on the professional conduct of primary, convalescent, dental, and mental health care and the management of costs consistent with quality care, by advising the Governor and the Legislature on the status of the Department of

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4350 Corrections' health care delivery system, and by assuring that 4351 adequate standards of physical and mental health care for 4352 inmates are maintained at all Department of Corrections 4353 institutions. For this purpose, the authority has the authority 4354 to:

4355 (2)Review and make recommendations regarding health care 4356 for the delivery of health care services including, but not 4357 limited to, acute hospital-based services and facilities, 4358 primary and tertiary care services, ancillary and clinical 4359 services, dental services, mental health services, intake and 4360 screening services, medical transportation services, and the use 4361 of advanced practice registered nurses nurse practitioner and 4362 physician assistants assistant personnel to act as physician 4363 extenders as these relate to inmates in the Department of 4364 Corrections.

4365 Section 109. Paragraph (n) of subsection (1) of section 4366 948.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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948.03 Terms and conditions of probation.-

(1) The court shall determine the terms and conditions of probation. Conditions specified in this section do not require oral pronouncement at the time of sentencing and may be considered standard conditions of probation. These conditions may include among them the following, that the probationer or offender in community control shall:

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(n) Be prohibited from using intoxicants to excess or

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4375 possessing any drugs or narcotics unless prescribed by a 4376 physician, <u>an independent advanced practice registered nurse</u>, an 4377 advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse practitioner, or a physician 4378 assistant. The probationer or community controllee may not 4379 knowingly visit places where intoxicants, drugs, or other 4380 dangerous substances are unlawfully sold, dispensed, or used.

4381 Section 110. Subsection (2) of section 960.28, Florida 4382 Statutes, is amended to read:

4383 960.28 Payment for victims' initial forensic physical
4384 examinations.-

4385 The Crime Victims' Services Office of the department (2)4386 shall pay for medical expenses connected with an initial 4387 forensic physical examination of a victim of sexual battery as 4388 defined in chapter 794 or a lewd or lascivious offense as 4389 defined in chapter 800. Such payment shall be made regardless of 4390 whether the victim is covered by health or disability insurance 4391 and whether the victim participates in the criminal justice 4392 system or cooperates with law enforcement. The payment shall be 4393 made only out of moneys allocated to the Crime Victims' Services 4394 Office for the purposes of this section, and the payment may not 4395 exceed \$500 with respect to any violation. The department shall 4396 develop and maintain separate protocols for the initial forensic physical examination of adults and children. Payment under this 4397 section is limited to medical expenses connected with the 4398 4399 initial forensic physical examination, and payment may be made

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to a medical provider using an examiner qualified under part I 4400 of chapter 464, excluding s. 464.003(17) 464.003(16); chapter 4401 4402 458; or chapter 459. Payment made to the medical provider by the 4403 department shall be considered by the provider as payment in 4404 full for the initial forensic physical examination associated 4405 with the collection of evidence. The victim may not be required 4406 to pay, directly or indirectly, the cost of an initial forensic 4407 physical examination performed in accordance with this section.

4408 Section 111. Paragraph (i) of subsection (3) of section 4409 1002.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

4410 1002.20 K-12 student and parent rights.—Parents of public 4411 school students must receive accurate and timely information 4412 regarding their child's academic progress and must be informed 4413 of ways they can help their child to succeed in school. K-12 4414 students and their parents are afforded numerous statutory 4415 rights including, but not limited to, the following:

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(3) HEALTH ISSUES.-

(i) Epinephrine use and supply.-

1. A student who has experienced or is at risk for lifethreatening allergic reactions may carry an epinephrine autoinjector and self-administer epinephrine by auto-injector while in school, participating in school-sponsored activities, or in transit to or from school or school-sponsored activities if the school has been provided with parental and physician authorization. The State Board of Education, in cooperation with

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4425 the Department of Health, shall adopt rules for such use of 4426 epinephrine auto-injectors that shall include provisions to 4427 protect the safety of all students from the misuse or abuse of 4428 auto-injectors. A school district, county health department, 4429 public-private partner, and their employees and volunteers shall 4430 be indemnified by the parent of a student authorized to carry an 4431 epinephrine auto-injector for any and all liability with respect 4432 to the student's use of an epinephrine auto-injector pursuant to 4433 this paragraph.

4434 2. A public school may purchase a supply of epinephrine 4435 auto-injectors from a wholesale distributor as defined in s. 4436 499.003 or may enter into an arrangement with a wholesale distributor or manufacturer as defined in s. 499.003 for the 4437 4438 epinephrine auto-injectors at fair-market, free, or reduced 4439 prices for use in the event a student has an anaphylactic 4440 reaction. The epinephrine auto-injectors must be maintained in a 4441 secure location on the public school's premises. The 4442 participating school district shall adopt a protocol developed 4443 by a licensed physician for the administration by school 4444 personnel who are trained to recognize an anaphylactic reaction 4445 and to administer an epinephrine auto-injection. The supply of 4446 epinephrine auto-injectors may be provided to and used by a student authorized to self-administer epinephrine by auto-4447 injector under subparagraph 1. or trained school personnel. 4448 3. 4449 The school district and its employees, agents, and the

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4450 physician who provides the standing protocol for school 4451 epinephrine auto-injectors are not liable for any injury arising 4452 from the use of an epinephrine auto-injector administered by 4453 trained school personnel who follow the adopted protocol and 4454 whose professional opinion is that the student is having an 4455 anaphylactic reaction:

4456 a. Unless the trained school personnel's action is willful4457 and wanton;

b. Notwithstanding that the parents or guardians of the student to whom the epinephrine is administered have not been provided notice or have not signed a statement acknowledging that the school district is not liable; and

c. Regardless of whether authorization has been given by the student's parents or guardians or by the student's physician, <u>a physician physician's</u> assistant, <u>an independent</u> <u>advanced practice registered nurse</u>, or <u>an</u> advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse <u>practitioner</u>.

4467 Section 112. Paragraph (b) of subsection (17) of section 4468 1002.42, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

4469 1002.42 Private schools.-

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(17) EPINEPHRINE SUPPLY.-

(b) The private school and its employees, agents, and the physician who provides the standing protocol for school epinephrine auto-injectors are not liable for any injury arising from the use of an epinephrine auto-injector administered by

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4475 trained school personnel who follow the adopted protocol and 4476 whose professional opinion is that the student is having an 4477 anaphylactic reaction:

4478 1. Unless the trained school personnel's action is willful 4479 and wanton;

A480 2. Notwithstanding that the parents or guardians of the student to whom the epinephrine is administered have not been provided notice or have not signed a statement acknowledging that the school district is not liable; and

3. Regardless of whether authorization has been given by the student's parents or guardians or by the student's physician, <u>a physician physician's</u> assistant, <u>an independent</u> <u>advanced practice registered nurse</u>, or <u>an</u> advanced <u>practice</u> registered nurse <u>practitioner</u>.

4489 Section 113. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 1006.062, 4490 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

4491 1006.062 Administration of medication and provision of 4492 medical services by district school board personnel.-

(4) Nonmedical assistive personnel shall be allowed to 4494 perform health-related services upon successful completion of 4495 child-specific training by a registered nurse, an independent 4496 <u>advanced practice registered nurse</u>, or <u>an</u> advanced <u>practice</u> 4497 registered nurse <u>practitioner</u> licensed, registered, or certified 4498 under <u>part I of</u> chapter $464_{i\tau}$ a physician licensed pursuant to 4499 chapter 458 or chapter $459_{i\tau}$ or a physician assistant licensed

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4500 pursuant to chapter 458 or chapter 459. All procedures shall be 4501 monitored periodically by a nurse, an independent advanced 4502 practice registered nurse, an advanced practice registered nurse 4503 practitioner, a physician assistant, or a physician, including, 4504 but not limited to: 4505 (a) Intermittent clean catheterization. 4506 (b) Gastrostomy tube feeding. 4507 (c) Monitoring blood glucose. 4508 Administering emergency injectable medication. (d) 4509 For all other invasive medical services not listed in (5) 4510 this subsection, a registered nurse, an independent advanced 4511 practice registered nurse, or an advanced practice registered nurse practitioner licensed, registered, or certified under part 4512 <u>I of</u> chapter 464; τ a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 458 4513 4514 or chapter 459; $_{\tau}$ or a physician assistant licensed pursuant to 4515 chapter 458 or chapter 459 shall determine if nonmedical 4516 district school board personnel shall be allowed to perform such 4517 service. 4518 Section 114. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 4519 1006.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 4520 1006.20 Athletics in public K-12 schools.-4521 ADOPTION OF BYLAWS, POLICIES, OR GUIDELINES.-(2) 4522 (C) The FHSAA shall adopt bylaws that require all students participating in interscholastic athletic competition or who are 4523 4524 candidates for an interscholastic athletic team to

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4525 satisfactorily pass a medical evaluation each year prior to 4526 participating in interscholastic athletic competition or 4527 engaging in any practice, tryout, workout, or other physical 4528 activity associated with the student's candidacy for an 4529 interscholastic athletic team. Such medical evaluation may be 4530 administered only by a practitioner licensed, certified, or 4531 registered under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, or s. 4532 464.012, or s. 464.0125, and in good standing with the 4533 practitioner's regulatory board. The bylaws shall establish 4534 requirements for eliciting a student's medical history and 4535 performing the medical evaluation required under this paragraph, 4536 which shall include a physical assessment of the student's 4537 physical capabilities to participate in interscholastic athletic 4538 competition as contained in a uniform preparticipation physical 4539 evaluation and history form. The evaluation form shall 4540 incorporate the recommendations of the American Heart 4541 Association for participation cardiovascular screening and shall 4542 provide a place for the signature of the practitioner performing 4543 the evaluation with an attestation that each examination 4544 procedure listed on the form was performed by the practitioner 4545 or by someone under the direct supervision of the practitioner. 4546 The form shall also contain a place for the practitioner to indicate if a referral to another practitioner was made in lieu 4547 of completion of a certain examination procedure. The form shall 4548 4549 provide a place for the practitioner to whom the student was

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4550 referred to complete the remaining sections and attest to that 4551 portion of the examination. The preparticipation physical 4552 evaluation form shall advise students to complete a 4553 cardiovascular assessment and shall include information 4554 concerning alternative cardiovascular evaluation and diagnostic 4555 tests. Results of such medical evaluation must be provided to 4556 the school. A student is not eligible to participate, as 4557 provided in s. 1006.15(3), in any interscholastic athletic 4558 competition or engage in any practice, tryout, workout, or other 4559 physical activity associated with the student's candidacy for an 4560 interscholastic athletic team until the results of the medical 4561 evaluation have been received and approved by the school.

4562 Section 115. Subsection (1) and paragraph (a) of 4563 subsection (2) of section 1009.65, Florida Statutes, are amended 4564 to read:

4565 1009.65 Medical Education Reimbursement and Loan Repayment 4566 Program.-

4567 To encourage qualified medical professionals to (1)4568 practice in underserved locations where there are shortages of such personnel, there is established the Medical Education 4569 4570 Reimbursement and Loan Repayment Program. The function of the 4571 program is to make payments that offset loans and educational 4572 expenses incurred by students for studies leading to a medical 4573 or nursing degree, medical or nursing licensure, or advanced 4574 practice registered nurse practitioner certification or

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4575 physician assistant licensure. The following licensed or 4576 certified health care professionals are eligible to participate 4577 in this program: medical doctors with primary care specialties, 4578 doctors of osteopathic medicine with primary care specialties, 4579 physician physician's assistants, licensed practical nurses and 4580 registered nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses nurse 4581 practitioners with primary care specialties such as certified 4582 nurse midwives. Primary care medical specialties for physicians 4583 include obstetrics, gynecology, general and family practice, 4584 internal medicine, pediatrics, and other specialties which may 4585 be identified by the Department of Health.

4586 (2) From the funds available, the Department of Health 4587 shall make payments to selected medical professionals as 4588 follows:

4589 Up to \$4,000 per year for licensed practical nurses (a) 4590 and registered nurses, up to \$10,000 per year for advanced 4591 practice registered nurses nurse practitioners and physician physician's assistants, and up to \$20,000 per year for 4592 4593 physicians. Penalties for noncompliance shall be the same as 4594 those in the National Health Services Corps Loan Repayment 4595 Program. Educational expenses include costs for tuition, 4596 matriculation, registration, books, laboratory and other fees, 4597 other educational costs, and reasonable living expenses as determined by the Department of Health. 4598

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4600 Statutes, is amended to read: 4601 1009.66 Nursing Student Loan Forgiveness Program.-4602 To be eligible, a candidate must have graduated from (2) 4603 an accredited or approved nursing program and have received a 4604 Florida license as a licensed practical nurse or a registered 4605 nurse or a Florida certificate as an advanced practice 4606 registered nurse practitioner. 4607 Section 117. Subsection (3) of section 1009.67, Florida 4608 Statutes, is amended to read: 4609 1009.67 Nursing scholarship program.-4610 A scholarship may be awarded for no more than 2 years, (3) 4611 in an amount not to exceed \$8,000 per year. However, registered 4612 nurses pursuing a graduate degree for a faculty position or to 4613 practice as an advanced practice registered nurse practitioner 4614 may receive up to \$12,000 per year. These amounts shall be 4615 adjusted by the amount of increase or decrease in the Consumer 4616 Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the United 4617 States Department of Commerce. 4618 Section 118. Except as otherwise expressly provided in 4619 this act and except for this section, which shall take effect 4620 upon this act becoming a law, this act shall take effect July 1,

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