

**By** the Committee on Governmental Oversight and Accountability

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1                   A bill to be entitled

2                   An act relating to the state group insurance program;  
3                   amending s. 110.123, F.S.; revising the definition of  
4                   "full-time state employees" to conform to changes made  
5                   by the act; authorizing persons eligible to  
6                   participate in the program to elect membership with  
7                   certain health maintenance organization plans;  
8                   requiring at least one health maintenance organization  
9                   plan be made available to each enrollee residing in  
10                  the state; deleting provisions providing for the  
11                  establishment of health maintenance organization plan  
12                  regions by Department of Management Services rule;  
13                  deleting the requirement that health plans be offered  
14                  in specified benefit levels; deleting obsolete  
15                  language regarding eligibility for participation in  
16                  the program for other-personal-services employees;  
17                  establishing regions for health maintenance  
18                  organizations for specified purposes; providing for  
19                  construction; creating s. 110.12305, F.S.; defining  
20                  terms; prohibiting specified fraudulent acts in  
21                  connection with the program, including the submission  
22                  of fraudulent insurance claims, making false  
23                  statements in claims, and the acceptance of certain  
24                  payments; providing criminal penalties; specifying  
25                  that the repayment, or attempted repayments, of any  
26                  unlawful payments does not constitute a defense or a  
27                  ground for dismissal for a violation of the act;  
28                  specifying which property is deemed to be paid for by  
29                  the program; specifying application of the business

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records hearsay exception to certain records in the custody of the department or a contracted vendor; specifying factors that establish an inference that a person had knowledge of a false statement or false representation regarding a claim; prohibiting the sale or purchase of a legend drug paid for by the program; providing criminal penalties; prohibiting a person from knowingly making or causing to be made, or attempting or conspiring to make, any false statement or representation in order to obtain goods or services from the program; providing criminal penalties; providing immunity for certain persons who provide information regarding provider fraud to governmental entities; specifying the scope of such immunity; defining the term "fraudulent acts"; requiring the department to publicize certain terms of the Florida False Claims Act to state employees and the public; creating s. 110.12306, F.S.; defining a term; requiring the Division of State Group Insurance to establish an anti-fraud unit for certain purposes by a specified date; authorizing the division to contract with other parties to perform certain anti-fraud measures; requiring the division to adopt an anti-fraud plan and designate at least one employee to implement anti-fraud measures; amending s. 110.12315, F.S.; modifying requirements for identifying a medically necessary drug excluded from the formulary on a prescription; prohibiting the department or its pharmacy benefit manager from substituting its

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judgment over the judgment of a prescriber in determining whether a drug excluded from the formulary is medically necessary; requiring the department or its pharmacy benefit manager to take specified action regarding formulary management; removing a limitation for the annual maximum amount for coverage for medically necessary prescription and nonprescription enteral formulas and amino-acid-based elemental formulas for home use; requiring the department to ensure that the prescription drug program receives certain benefits, and to perform annual audits of such benefits; amending s. 110.131, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2), paragraphs (h), (j), and (k) of subsection (3), and paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (13) of section 110.123, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (14) is added to that section, to read:

110.123 State group insurance program.—

(2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in ss. 110.123-110.1239, the term:

(c) "Full-time state employees" means employees of all branches or agencies of state government holding salaried positions who are paid by state warrant or from agency funds and who work or are expected to work an average of at least 30 or more hours per week; employees paid from regular salary appropriations for 8 months' employment, including university personnel on academic contracts; and employees paid from other-

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88 personal-services (OPS) funds who are reasonably expected to  
89 work an average of at least 30 hours or more per week or have  
90 worked an average of at least 30 hours or more per week during  
91 the employee's measurement period as described in subparagraphs  
92 1. and 2. The term includes all full-time employees of the state  
93 universities. The term does not include seasonal workers who are  
94 paid from OPS funds.

95 ~~1. For persons hired before April 1, 2013, the term~~  
96 ~~includes any person paid from OPS funds who:~~

97 ~~a. Has worked an average of at least 30 hours or more per~~  
98 ~~week during the initial measurement period from April 1, 2013,~~  
99 ~~through September 30, 2013; or~~

100 ~~b. Has worked an average of at least 30 hours or more per~~  
101 ~~week during a subsequent measurement period.~~

102 ~~2. For persons hired after April 1, 2013, the term includes~~  
103 ~~any person paid from OPS funds who:~~

104 ~~a. Is reasonably expected to work an average of at least 30~~  
105 ~~hours or more per week; or~~

106 ~~b. Has worked an average of at least 30 hours or more per~~  
107 ~~week during the person's measurement period.~~

108 (3) STATE GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM.—

109 (h)1. A person eligible to participate in the state group  
110 insurance program ~~may be authorized by rules adopted by the~~  
111 ~~department~~, in lieu of participating in the state group health  
112 insurance plan, may ~~to~~ exercise an option to elect membership in  
113 a health maintenance organization plan which is under contract  
114 with the state in accordance with criteria established by this  
115 section and by ~~said rules adopted by the department~~. The offer  
116 of optional membership in a health maintenance organization plan

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117 permitted by this paragraph may be limited or conditioned by  
118 rule as may be necessary to meet the requirements of state and  
119 federal laws.

120       2. The department shall contract with health maintenance  
121 organizations seeking to participate in the state group  
122 insurance program through a request for proposal or other  
123 procurement process, as developed by the Department of  
124 Management Services and determined to be appropriate.

125       a. The department shall establish a schedule of minimum  
126 benefits for health maintenance organization coverage, and that  
127 schedule shall include: physician services; inpatient and  
128 outpatient hospital services; emergency medical services,  
129 including out-of-area emergency coverage; diagnostic laboratory  
130 and diagnostic and therapeutic radiologic services; mental  
131 health, alcohol, and chemical dependency treatment services  
132 meeting the minimum requirements of state and federal law;  
133 skilled nursing facilities and services; prescription drugs;  
134 age-based and gender-based wellness benefits; and other benefits  
135 as may be required by the department. Additional services may be  
136 provided subject to the contract between the department and the  
137 HMO. As used in this paragraph, the term "age-based and gender-  
138 based wellness benefits" includes aerobic exercise, education in  
139 alcohol and substance abuse prevention, blood cholesterol  
140 screening, health risk appraisals, blood pressure screening and  
141 education, nutrition education, program planning, safety belt  
142 education, smoking cessation, stress management, weight  
143 management, and women's health education.

144       b. The department may establish uniform deductibles,  
145 copayments, coverage tiers, or coinsurance schedules for all

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146 participating HMO plans.

147       c. The department may require detailed information from  
148 each health maintenance organization participating in the  
149 procurement process, including information pertaining to  
150 organizational status, experience in providing prepaid health  
151 benefits, accessibility of services, financial stability of the  
152 plan, quality of management services, accreditation status,  
153 quality of medical services, network access and adequacy,  
154 performance measurement, ability to meet the department's  
155 reporting requirements, and the actuarial basis of the proposed  
156 rates and other data determined by the director to be necessary  
157 for the evaluation and selection of health maintenance  
158 organization plans and negotiation of appropriate rates for  
159 these plans. Upon receipt of proposals by health maintenance  
160 organization plans and the evaluation of those proposals, the  
161 department may enter into negotiations with all of the plans or  
162 a subset of the plans, as the department determines appropriate.  
163 The department may negotiate regional or statewide contracts  
164 with health maintenance organization plans. Such plans must be  
165 cost-effective and must offer high value to enrollees.

166       d. The department may limit the number of HMOs that it  
167 contracts with in each region based on the nature of the bids  
168 the department receives, the number of state employees in the  
169 region, or any unique characteristics of the region. At least  
170 one HMO plan must be available to each enrollee residing in the  
171 state ~~The department shall establish the regions throughout the~~  
172 ~~state by rule. The department must submit the rule to the~~  
173 ~~President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of~~  
174 ~~Representatives for ratification no later than 30 days before~~

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175 the 2020 Regular Session of the Legislature. The rule may not  
176 take effect until it is ratified by the Legislature.

177 e. All persons participating in the state group insurance  
178 program may be required to contribute towards a total state  
179 group health premium that may vary depending upon the plan,  
180 coverage level, and coverage tier selected by the enrollee and  
181 the level of state contribution authorized by the Legislature.

182 3. The department is authorized to negotiate and to  
183 contract with specialty psychiatric hospitals for mental health  
184 benefits, on a regional basis, for alcohol, drug abuse, and  
185 mental and nervous disorders. The department may establish,  
186 subject to the approval of the Legislature pursuant to  
187 subsection (5), any such regional plan upon completion of an  
188 actuarial study to determine any impact on plan benefits and  
189 premiums.

190 4. In addition to contracting pursuant to subparagraph 2.,  
191 the department may enter into contract with any HMO to  
192 participate in the state group insurance program which:

193 a. Serves greater than 5,000 recipients on a prepaid basis  
194 under the Medicaid program;

195 b. Does not currently meet the 25-percent non-Medicare/non-  
196 Medicaid enrollment composition requirement established by the  
197 Department of Health excluding participants enrolled in the  
198 state group insurance program;

199 c. Meets the minimum benefit package and copayments and  
200 deductibles contained in sub-subparagraphs 2.a. and b.;

201 d. Is willing to participate in the state group insurance  
202 program at a cost of premiums that is not greater than 95  
203 percent of the cost of HMO premiums accepted by the department

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204       in each service area; and

205           e. Meets the minimum surplus requirements of s. 641.225.

206  
207       The department is authorized to contract with HMOs that meet the  
208       requirements of sub-subparagraphs a.-d. prior to the open  
209       enrollment period for state employees. The department is not  
210       required to renew the contract with the HMOs as set forth in  
211       this paragraph more than twice. Thereafter, the HMOs shall be  
212       eligible to participate in the state group insurance program  
213       only through the request for proposal or invitation to negotiate  
214       process described in subparagraph 2.

215       5. All enrollees in a state group health insurance plan, a  
216       TRICARE supplemental insurance plan, or any health maintenance  
217       organization plan have the option of changing to any other  
218       health plan that is offered by the state within any open  
219       enrollment period designated by the department. Open enrollment  
220       shall be held at least once each calendar year.

221       6. When a contract between a treating provider and the  
222       state-contracted health maintenance organization is terminated  
223       for any reason other than for cause, each party shall allow any  
224       enrollee for whom treatment was active to continue coverage and  
225       care when medically necessary, through completion of treatment  
226       of a condition for which the enrollee was receiving care at the  
227       time of the termination, until the enrollee selects another  
228       treating provider, or until the next open enrollment period  
229       offered, whichever is longer, but no longer than 6 months after  
230       termination of the contract. Each party to the terminated  
231       contract shall allow an enrollee who has initiated a course of  
232       prenatal care, regardless of the trimester in which care was

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233 initiated, to continue care and coverage until completion of  
234 postpartum care. This does not prevent a provider from refusing  
235 to continue to provide care to an enrollee who is abusive,  
236 noncompliant, or in arrears in payments for services provided.  
237 For care continued under this subparagraph, the program and the  
238 provider shall continue to be bound by the terms of the  
239 terminated contract. Changes made within 30 days before  
240 termination of a contract are effective only if agreed to by  
241 both parties.

242 7. Any HMO participating in the state group insurance  
243 program shall submit health care utilization and cost data to  
244 the department, in such form and in such manner as the  
245 department shall require, as a condition of participating in the  
246 program. The department shall enter into negotiations with its  
247 contracting HMOs to determine the nature and scope of the data  
248 submission and the final requirements, format, penalties  
249 associated with noncompliance, and timetables for submission.  
250 These determinations shall be adopted by rule.

251 8. The department may establish and direct, with respect to  
252 collective bargaining issues, a comprehensive package of  
253 insurance benefits that may include supplemental health and life  
254 coverage, dental care, long-term care, vision care, and other  
255 benefits it determines necessary to enable state employees to  
256 select from among benefit options that best suit their  
257 individual and family needs. Beginning with the 2018 plan year,  
258 the package of benefits may also include products and services  
259 described in s. 110.12303.

260 a. Based upon a desired benefit package, the department  
261 shall issue a request for proposal or invitation to negotiate

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for providers interested in participating in the state group insurance program, and the department shall issue a request for proposal or invitation to negotiate for providers interested in participating in the non-health-related components of the state group insurance program. Upon receipt of all proposals, the department may enter into contract negotiations with providers submitting bids or negotiate a specially designed benefit package. Providers offering or providing supplemental coverage as of May 30, 1991, which qualify for pretax benefit treatment pursuant to s. 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, with 5,500 or more state employees currently enrolled may be included by the department in the supplemental insurance benefit plan established by the department without participating in a request for proposal, submitting bids, negotiating contracts, or negotiating a specially designed benefit package. These contracts shall provide state employees with the most cost-effective and comprehensive coverage available; however, except as provided in subparagraph (f)3., no state or agency funds shall be contributed toward the cost of any part of the premium of such supplemental benefit plans. With respect to dental coverage, the division shall include in any solicitation or contract for any state group dental program made after July 1, 2001, a comprehensive indemnity dental plan option which offers enrollees a completely unrestricted choice of dentists. If a dental plan is endorsed, or in some manner recognized as the preferred product, such plan shall include a comprehensive indemnity dental plan option which provides enrollees with a completely unrestricted choice of dentists.

290        b. Pursuant to the applicable provisions of s. 110.161, and

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291 s. 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the department  
292 shall enroll in the pretax benefit program those state employees  
293 who voluntarily elect coverage in any of the supplemental  
294 insurance benefit plans as provided by sub subparagraph a.

295 c. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit  
296 insurance providers from continuing to provide or offer  
297 supplemental benefit coverage to state employees as provided  
298 under existing agency plans.

299 ~~(j) For the 2020 plan year and each plan year thereafter,~~  
300 ~~health plans shall be offered in the following benefit levels:~~

301 ~~1. Platinum level, which shall have an actuarial value of at~~  
302 ~~at least 90 percent.~~

303 ~~2. Gold level, which shall have an actuarial value of at~~  
304 ~~least 80 percent.~~

305 ~~3. Silver level, which shall have an actuarial value of at~~  
306 ~~least 70 percent.~~

307 ~~4. Bronze level, which shall have an actuarial value of at~~  
308 ~~least 60 percent.~~

309 ~~(k) In consultation with the independent benefits~~  
310 ~~consultant described in s. 110.12304, the department shall~~  
311 ~~develop a plan for implementation of the benefit levels~~  
312 ~~described in paragraph (j). The plan shall be submitted to the~~  
313 ~~Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the~~  
314 ~~House of Representatives by January 1, 2019, and include~~  
315 ~~recommendations for:~~

316 ~~1. Employer and employee contribution policies.~~

317 ~~2. Steps necessary for maintaining or improving total~~  
318 ~~employee compensation levels when the transition is initiated.~~

319 ~~3. An education strategy to inform employees of the~~

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320 additional choices available in the state group insurance  
321 program.

323 ~~This paragraph expires July 1, 2019.~~

324 (13) OTHER-PERSONAL-SERVICES EMPLOYEES (OPS).-

325 (c) The initial measurement period used to determine  
326 whether an employee ~~hired before April 1, 2013,~~ and paid from  
327 OPS funds is a full-time employee described in subparagraph  
328 (2)(c)1. is the 6 month period from April 1, 2013, through  
329 September 30, 2013.

330 (d) All other measurement periods used to determine whether  
331 an employee paid from OPS funds is a full-time employee  
332 described in paragraph (2)(c) must be for 12 consecutive months.

333 (14) REGIONS FOR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS.-

334 (a) The following regions are established for purposes of  
335 the department entering into contracts with HMOs to provide  
336 services on a regional basis on or after January 1, 2023,  
337 pursuant to paragraph (3)(h):

338 1. Region 1 consists of Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Gulf,  
339 Holmes, Jackson, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton, and Washington  
340 Counties.

341 2. Region 2 consists of Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon,  
342 Liberty, Madison, Taylor, and Wakulla Counties.

343 3. Region 3 consists of Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie,  
344 Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Marion, Suwannee, and  
345 Union Counties.

346 4. Region 4 consists of Baker, Clay, Duval, Flagler,  
347 Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, and Volusia Counties.

348 5. Region 5 consists of Brevard, Indian River, Lake,

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349       Orange, Osceola, and Seminole Counties.

350       6. Region 6 consists of Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando,  
351       Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk,  
352       Sarasota, and Sumter Counties.

353       7. Region 7 consists of Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and  
354       St. Lucie Counties.

355       8. Region 8 consists of Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry,  
356       and Lee Counties.

357       9. Region 9 consists of Broward, Miami-Dade, and Monroe  
358       Counties.

359       (b) The establishment of these regions does not limit the  
360       department's authority to contract for HMO services on a  
361       statewide basis.

362       Section 2. Section 110.12305, Florida Statutes, is created  
363       to read:

364       110.12305 Provider fraud.—

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

366       (a) "Item or service" includes:

367       1. Any particular item, device, medical supply, or service  
368       claimed to have been provided to a health plan member and listed  
369       in an itemized claim for payment; or

370       2. In the case of a claim based on costs, any entry in the  
371       cost report, books of account, or other documents supporting  
372       such claim.

373       (b) "Knowingly" means that the act was done voluntarily and  
374       intentionally and not because of mistake or accident. As used in  
375       this section, the term also includes the word "willfully" or  
376       "willful," which means that an act was committed voluntarily and  
377       purposely, with the specific intent to do something prohibited

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378 by law, and that the act was committed with bad purpose, either  
379 to disobey or disregard the law.

380       (c) "Prescription drug" means any drug, including, but not  
381 limited to, finished dosage forms or active ingredients that are  
382 subject to, defined in, or described in s. 503(b) of the Federal  
383 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act or in s. 465.003(8), s.  
384 499.003(17), s. 499.007(13), or s. 499.82(10).

385       (d) "Provider" means any person providing health care  
386 services or prescription drugs and supplies funded by the  
387 program.

388       (e) "Value" means the amount billed to the program for the  
389 property dispensed or the market value of a legend drug or goods  
390 or services at the time and place of the offense. If the market  
391 value cannot be determined, the term means the replacement cost  
392 of the legend drug or goods or services within a reasonable time  
393 after the offense.

394       (2) (a) A person may not:

395           1. Knowingly make, cause to be made, or aid and abet in the  
396 making of any false statement or false representation of a  
397 material fact, by commission or omission, in any claim submitted  
398 to the department or its contracted vendors for payment.

399           2. Knowingly make, cause to be made, or aid and abet in the  
400 making of a claim for items or services that are not authorized  
401 to be reimbursed by the program.

402           3. Knowingly charge, solicit, accept, or receive anything  
403 of value, other than an authorized copayment from a health plan  
404 member, from any source in addition to the amount legally  
405 payable for an item or service provided to a health plan member  
406 under the program or knowingly fail to credit the department or

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407       its contracted vendors for any payment received from a third-  
408       party source.

409       4. Knowingly solicit, offer, pay, or receive any  
410       remuneration, including any kickback, bribe, or rebate, directly  
411       or indirectly, overtly or covertly, in cash or in kind, in  
412       return for referring an individual to a person for the  
413       furnishing or arranging of any item or service for which payment  
414       may be made, in whole or in part, under the program, or in  
415       return for obtaining, purchasing, leasing, ordering, or  
416       arranging for or recommending, obtaining, purchasing, leasing,  
417       or ordering any goods, facility, item, or service for which  
418       payment may be made, in whole or in part, under the program.

419       (b) 1. A person who violates this subsection and receives or  
420       endeavors to receive anything of value of:

421       a. Ten thousand dollars or less commits a felony of the  
422       third degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,  
423       or s. 775.084.

424       b. More than \$10,000, but less than \$50,000, commits a  
425       felony of the second degree, punishable as provided in s.  
426       775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

427       c. Fifty thousand dollars or more commits a felony of the  
428       first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083,  
429       or s. 775.084.

430       2. The value of separate funds, goods, or services that a  
431       person received or attempted to receive pursuant to a scheme or  
432       course of conduct may be aggregated in determining the degree of  
433       the offense.

434       3. In addition to the sentence authorized by law, a person  
435       who is convicted of a violation of this subsection shall pay a

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436 fine in an amount equal to five times the pecuniary gain  
437 unlawfully received or the loss incurred by the program or  
438 contracted vendor, whichever amount is greater.

439 (3) The repayment of any payments wrongfully obtained, or  
440 the offer or endeavor to repay funds wrongfully obtained, does  
441 not constitute a defense to or a ground for dismissal of  
442 criminal charges brought under this section.

443 (4) Property paid for by the program includes all property  
444 furnished or intended to be furnished to any health plan member  
445 of benefits under the program, regardless of whether  
446 reimbursement is ever actually made by the program.

447 (5) All records in the custody of the department or its  
448 contracted vendors which relate to provider fraud are business  
449 records within the meaning of s. 90.803(6).

450 (6) Proof that a claim was submitted to the department or  
451 its contracted vendors which contained a false statement or a  
452 false representation of a material fact, by commission or  
453 omission, unless satisfactorily explained, gives rise to an  
454 inference that the person whose signature appears as the  
455 provider's authorizing signature on the claim form, or whose  
456 signature appears on an electronic claim submission agreement  
457 submitted for claims made to the contracted vendor by electronic  
458 means, had knowledge of the false statement or false  
459 representation. This subsection applies whether the signature  
460 appears on the claim form or the electronic claim submission  
461 agreement by means of handwriting, typewriting, facsimile  
462 signature stamp, computer impulse, initials, or otherwise.

463 (7) Any person who knowingly sells, who knowingly attempts  
464 or conspires to sell, or who knowingly causes any other person

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465 to sell or attempt or conspire to sell a legend drug that was  
466 paid for by the program commits a felony.

467       (a) If the value of the legend drug involved is less than  
468 \$20,000, the crime is a felony of the third degree, punishable  
469 as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

470       (b) If the value of the legend drug involved is \$20,000 or  
471 more but less than \$100,000, the crime is a felony of the second  
472 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
473 775.084.

474       (c) If the value of the legend drug involved is \$100,000 or  
475 more, the crime is a felony of the first degree, punishable as  
476 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

477       (8) Any person who knowingly purchases, or who knowingly  
478 attempts or conspires to purchase, a legend drug that was paid  
479 for by the program and intended for use by another person  
480 commits a felony.

481       (a) If the value of the legend drug is less than \$20,000,  
482 the crime is a felony of the third degree, punishable as  
483 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

484       (b) If the value of the legend drug is \$20,000 or more but  
485 less than \$100,000, the crime is a felony of the second degree,  
486 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

487       (c) If the value of the legend drug is \$100,000 or more,  
488 the crime is a felony of the first degree, punishable as  
489 provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

490       (9) Any person who knowingly makes or knowingly causes to  
491 be made, or who attempts or conspires to make, any false  
492 statement or representation to any person for the purpose of  
493 obtaining goods or services from the program commits a felony.

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494           (a) If the value of the goods or services is less than  
495 \$20,000, the crime is a felony of the third degree, punishable  
496 as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

497           (b) If the value of the goods or services is \$20,000 or  
498 more but less than \$100,000, the crime is a felony of the second  
499 degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s.  
500 775.084.

501           (c) If the value of the goods or services involved is  
502 \$100,000 or more, the crime is a felony of the first degree,  
503 punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, or s. 775.084.

504  
505 The value of individual items of the legend drugs or goods or  
506 services involved in distinct transactions committed during a  
507 single scheme or course of conduct, whether involving a single  
508 person or several persons, may be aggregated when determining  
509 the punishment for the offense.

510           (10) A person who provides the state, any state agency, or  
511 any political subdivision of the state or an agency thereof with  
512 information about fraud or suspected fraudulent acts by a  
513 provider is immune from civil liability for libel, slander, or  
514 any other relevant tort for providing such information unless  
515 the person acted with knowledge that the information was false  
516 or with reckless disregard for the truth or falsity of the  
517 information. Such immunity extends to reports of fraudulent acts  
518 or suspected fraudulent acts conveyed to or from the department  
519 in any manner, including any forum and with any audience as  
520 directed by the department, and includes all discussions  
521 subsequent to the report and subsequent inquiries from the  
522 department, unless the person acted with knowledge that the

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523 information was false or with reckless disregard for the truth  
524 or falsity of the information. As used in this subsection, the  
525 term "fraudulent acts" includes actual or suspected fraud and  
526 abuse, insurance fraud, or licensure fraud, including any fraud-  
527 related matters that a provider or health plan is required to  
528 report to the department or a law enforcement agency.

529 (11) The department must publicize to state employees and  
530 the public the ability of persons to bring a civil action under  
531 the provisions of the Florida False Claims Act and the potential  
532 for the persons bringing a civil action under the act to obtain  
533 a monetary award.

534 Section 3. Section 110.12306, Florida Statutes, is created  
535 to read:

536 110.12306 Anti-fraud investigative units.-

537 (1) As used in this section, the term "designated anti-  
538 fraud unit" means a distinct unit within the division which is  
539 made up of employees whose principal responsibilities are the  
540 investigation and disposition of claims and who are also  
541 assigned investigation of fraud.

542 (2) By December 31, 2020, the division:

543 (a) 1. Shall establish and maintain a designated anti-fraud  
544 unit to investigate and report possible fraudulent insurance  
545 acts by insureds, persons making claims for services against the  
546 State Employees Health Insurance Trust Fund, or vendors under  
547 contract with the division.

548 2. May contract with others to investigate and report  
549 possible fraudulent insurance acts by insureds, persons making  
550 claims for services against the State Employees Health Insurance  
551 Trust Fund, or vendors under contract with the division.

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552           (b) Shall adopt an anti-fraud plan.

553           (c) Shall designate at least one employee with the primary  
554 responsibility of implementing the requirements of this section.

555           Section 4. Paragraph (a) of subsection (9) and subsection  
556 (10) of section 110.12315, Florida Statutes, are amended, and  
557 subsection (11) is added to that section, to read:

558           110.12315 Prescription drug program.—The state employees'  
559 prescription drug program is established. This program shall be  
560 administered by the Department of Management Services, according  
561 to the terms and conditions of the plan as established by the  
562 relevant provisions of the annual General Appropriations Act and  
563 implementing legislation, subject to the following conditions:

564           (9)(a)1. Beginning with the 2020 plan year, the department  
565 must implement formulary management for prescription drugs and  
566 supplies. Such management practices must require prescription  
567 drugs to be subject to formulary inclusion or exclusion but may  
568 not restrict access to the most clinically appropriate,  
569 clinically effective, and lowest net-cost prescription drugs and  
570 supplies. Drugs excluded from the formulary must be available  
571 for inclusion if a physician, an advanced practice registered  
572 nurse, or a physician assistant prescribing a pharmaceutical  
573 clearly states on the prescription, or otherwise in the manner  
574 specified in s. 465.025(2), that the excluded drug is medically  
575 necessary. The department or its pharmacy benefit manager may  
576 not substitute its judgment over the judgment of the prescriber  
577 of a prescription drug as to whether the drug is medically  
578 necessary.

579           2. The department or its pharmacy benefit manager must  
580 ensure that:

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581       a. The condition for which the patient is being treated is  
582       covered under the program;

583       b. The prescribed drug is approved by the Federal Drug  
584       Administration or supported in the compendia of current  
585       literature for the treatment of the patient's condition; and

586       c. The prescribed dosage falls within the Federal Drug  
587       Administration approved labeling or within dosing guidelines  
588       found in the compendia of current literature as treatment for  
589       the patient's condition.

590       3. If the prescription drug or supply is not included on  
591       the formulary but is prescribed as medically necessary for the  
592       treatment of the patient, the department or its pharmacy benefit  
593       manager must inquire of the prescribing authority as to whether:

594       a. The prescribing authority has considered alternative  
595       prescription drugs and supplies that are included on the  
596       formulary;

597       b. The patient has tried and had inadequate treatment  
598       response or intolerance to alternative prescription drugs that  
599       are included on the formulary; and

600       c. The patient has a contraindication to the alternative  
601       prescription drugs that are included on the formulary.

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603       Such inquiries must be made as soon as practicable but no later  
604       than the next business day after the pharmacist received the  
605       prescription.

606       4. Prescription drugs and supplies first made available in  
607       the marketplace after January 1, 2020, may not be covered by the  
608       prescription drug program until specifically included in the  
609       list of covered prescription drugs and supplies.

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610                   (10) In addition to the comprehensive package of health  
611 insurance and other benefits required or authorized to be  
612 included in the state group insurance program, the program must  
613 provide coverage for medically necessary prescription and  
614 nonprescription enteral formulas and amino-acid-based elemental  
615 formulas for home use, regardless of the method of delivery or  
616 intake, which are ordered or prescribed by a physician. As used  
617 in this subsection, the term "medically necessary" means the  
618 formula to be covered represents the only medically appropriate  
619 source of nutrition for a patient. ~~Such coverage may not exceed~~  
620 ~~an amount of \$20,000 annually for any insured individual.~~

621                   (11) The department must ensure that the prescription drug  
622 program receives the benefits of all discounts, rebates, and  
623 other fees associated with the prescription drugs and supplies  
624 provided through the program. The department shall annually  
625 audit the amounts of discounts, rebates, and other fees received  
626 by the department or its pharmacy benefit manager for the  
627 prescription drugs and supplies provided through the program.

628                   Section 5. Subsection (5) of section 110.131, Florida  
629 Statutes, is amended to read:

630                   110.131 Other-personal-services employment.—

631                   (5) Beginning January 1, 2014, an other-personal-services  
632 (OPS) employee who has worked an average of at least 30 or more  
633 hours per week during the measurement period described in s.  
634 110.123(13)(c) ~~s. 110.123(13)(c) or (d)~~, or who is reasonably  
635 expected to work an average of at least 30 or more hours per  
636 week following his or her employment, is eligible to participate  
637 in the state group insurance program as provided under s.  
638 110.123.

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Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.