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		COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMIT	TEE ACTION	
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		WITHDRAWN	(Y/N)	
		OTHER		
1		Committee/Subcommittee h	earing bill: Insurance & Banking	
2		Subcommittee		
3		Representative Stevenson	offered the following:	
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5		Amendment (with tit	le amendment)	
6		Remove lines 22-53	and insert:	
7		services; complaints; re	porting	
8		(1) By January 31,	2022, the department shall submit a	
9		report to the Governor,	the President of the Senate, and the	
10		Speaker of the House of	Representatives relating to the	
11		disposition of complaint	s received from insureds and subscribers	
12		of insurers or health ma	intenance organizations regulated by the	
13		office relating to the a	ccess and affordability of behavioral	
14		health care services and	benefits during the prior calendar	
15		year. At a minimum, the	report must include all of the following	
16		information:		
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17	(a) The total number of complaints received.			
18	(b) The nature of complaints, including, but not limited			
19	to, concerns related to access to in-network providers or			
20	facilities; access to inpatient or outpatient services;			
21	availability of specialists; affordability of services;			
22	equivalency of behavioral health care benefits with respect to			
23	medical and surgical benefits; quality of care; and denial of			
24	services, including the types of services denied and the stated			
25	reason for the denials.			
26	(c) The disposition of complaints.			
27	(d) Any recommendations made by the department to the			
28	Legislature for ensuring access to and the affordability of			
29	behavioral health care services to insureds and subscribers.			
30	(2) The department shall make available on its website a			
31	description of behavioral health care benefits required to be			
32	made available pursuant to s. 627.668 and federal law for			
33	individual and group policies and contracts.			
34	Section 2. Section 627.4215, Florida Statutes, is created			
35	to read:			
36	627.4215 Disclosures to policyholders; coverage of mental			
37	and nervous disorders			
38	(1) An insurer shall make all of the following information			
39	available on its website:			
40	(a) The federal and state requirements for coverage of			
41	behavioral health care services.			
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42	(b) Contact information for the Division of Consumer		
43	Services of the Department of Financial Services, including a		
44	hyperlink, for consumers to submit inquiries or complaints		
45	relating to insurer products or services regulated by the		
46	department or the office.		
47	(2) On an annual basis, an insurer shall provide written		
48	notice to insureds which must include a description of the		
49	federal and state requirements for coverage of behavioral health		
50	care services. Such notice must also include the website address		
51	and statewide toll-free telephone number of the Division of		
52	Consumer Services of the department for receiving and logging		
53	complaints.		
54	Section 3. Section 641.31085, Florida Statutes, is created		
55	to read:		
56	641.31085 Disclosures to subscribers; coverage of mental		
57	and nervous disorders.—		
58	(1) A health maintenance organization shall make all of the		
59	following information available on its website:		
60	(a) The federal and state requirements for coverage of		
61	behavioral health care services.		
62	(b) Contact information for the Division of Consumer		
63	Services of the Department of Financial Services, including a		
64	hyperlink, for consumers to submit inquiries or complaints		
65	relating to health maintenance organization products or services		
66	regulated by the department or the office.		
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67	(2) On an annual basis, a health maintenance organization	
68	shall provide written notice to subscribers which must include a	
69	description of the federal and state requirements for coverage	
70	of behavioral health care services. Such notice must also	
71	include the website address and statewide toll-free telephone	
72	number of the Division of Consumer Services of the department	
73	for receiving and logging complaints.	
74	Section 4. This act shall take effect October 1, 2021.	
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76	TITLE AMENDMENT	
77	Remove lines 4-15 and insert:	
78	requiring the Department of Financial Services to submit a	
79	specified report to the Governor and Legislature by a specified	
80	date; specifying the minimum information the report must	
81	contain; requiring the department to make certain information	
82	available on its website; creating ss. 627.4215 and 641.31085,	
83	F.S.; requiring insurers and health maintenance organizations,	
84	respectively, to disclose specified information on their	
85	websites; requiring insurers and health maintenance	
86	organizations, respectively, to annually provide certain written	
87	notices to insureds or subscribers; providing an effective date.	
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