

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to patient referrals by Medicaid
3 managed care organizations and managed care plans;
4 requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to
5 contract for an analysis of Medicaid managed care plan
6 referrals to affiliated organizations; providing
7 requirements; requiring a report; providing an
8 effective date.

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

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12 **Section 1.** (1) The Agency for Health Care Administration
13 shall contract for an analysis of managed care plan referrals to
14 affiliated organizations. As used in this section, the term
15 "managed care plan" has the same meaning as in s. 409.962,
16 Florida Statutes.

17 (a) The contractor shall collect, compile, and analyze
18 data to determine the extent to which each managed care plan,
19 other than a provider service network as described in s.
20 409.912(1), Florida Statutes, or any of the managed care plan's
21 subcontractors, owns, has a controlling interest in, or has a
22 profit-sharing arrangement with, a service provider or provider
23 organization that provides services in the Statewide Medicaid
24 Managed Care program under contract with that managed care plan.

25 (b) The contractor shall collect, compile, and analyze

26 managed care plan data to determine the extent to which each
27 managed care plan refers or steers patients to service providers
28 or provider organizations which the managed care plan, or any of
29 its subcontractors, owns, has a controlling interest in, or has
30 a profit-sharing arrangement with. The analysis under this
31 paragraph must include a comparison of the cost of the services
32 provided under such referrals or steerage and the cost of such
33 services provided by other providers under contract with the
34 managed care plan or its subcontractor.

35 (2) By July 1, 2026, the agency shall submit a report on
36 the analyses required by subsection (1) to the Governor, the
37 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
38 Representatives.

39 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.