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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to nurse registries; amending s. 400.506, F.S.; revising requirements for home visits by registered nurses; deleting a mandatory requirement for monthly visits; requiring that the patient be notified of the availability of optional visits; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (10) of section 400.506, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

400.506 Licensure of nurse registries; requirements; penalties.--

(10)

(c) When a nurse registry contracts to provide services to a patient, the nurse registry shall advise the patient, the patient's family, or any other person acting on behalf of the patient that registered nurses are available to visit the patient's home for an additional cost. A registered nurse shall make monthly visits to the patient's home to assess the patient's condition and quality of care being provided by the certified nursing assistant or home health aide. Any condition which in the professional judgment of the nurse requires further medical attention shall be reported to the attending physician and the nurse registry. The assessment shall become a part of the patient's file with the nurse registry and may be reviewed by the agency during their survey procedure.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Deletes a requirement that nurse registries have a registered nurse make monthly home visits to assess care being given to the patient. Requires nurse registries to advise patients or others that home visits by registered nurses are available for an additional cost.