

NOTICE OF NEW LEGISLATION

All Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs)

Health Maintenance Contracts

This notice presents a summary of certain legislative changes enacted in the 2007 Regular Session of the Florida Legislature. This notice is not intended to be a comprehensive analysis of bills that may be of interest or importance to your company. Some legislation may require action on the part of the companies or licensees to ensure compliance. You are encouraged to review specific bills, found by legislative bill number at <http://www.leg.state.fl.us>.

Senate Bill 590

Section 1 - Health maintenance contracts

Effective Date: July 1, 2007

Amends s. 641.31(25), F.S. requiring a health maintenance organization to provide in writing a disclosure to new subscribers who reside at a continuing care facility or a retirement facility consisting of a nursing home or assisted living facility of their right to request a referral to that facility's skilled nursing unit or assisted living facility.

Pursuant to s. 641.31(1), F.S., contracts must be amended and filed with the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation to include such notices in the subscriber contract.

This legislation took effect July 1, 2007. Chapter No. 2007-215, Laws of Florida.

If you have any questions regarding the filing process, please contact Tracie Lambright, Life and Health Product Review, Florida Office of Insurance Regulation at Tracie.Lambright@fldfs.com or at (850) 413-3152.