

Constitutional Amendment Petition Form

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Your Name: _____

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Your Residential Street Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____ County _____

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I am a registered voter of Florida and hereby petition the Secretary of State to place the following proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution on the Ballot in the general election:

Ballot Title: Florida Medicaid Patients will have mandatory equal care by all Health Care Providers

Ballot Summary: Florida Health Care Providers as defined by HIPAA (services performed by physicians, and services performed by a host of other health care professionals, as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1395x(s) and 1395x(u)), and any other person or organization “who Furnishes, bills, or is paid for health care in the normal course of business shall accept and treat all patients with Medicaid, Medipass, and approved Medicaid Substitution Programs equally to all other forms of insured patients.

Article and Section Being Created: Article X, Section 28

Full Text of the Proposed Constitutional Amendment:

Article X Miscellaneous, Section 28

(a) Health Care Providers licensed and working in the State of Florida are defined by HIPAA (services performed by physicians, and services performed by a host of other health care professionals, as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1395x(s) and 1395x(u)), and any other person or organization “who Furnishes, bills, or is paid for health care in the normal course of business.

(b) The above defined Health Providers shall provide equally timely and compassionate care for all Florida Residents that are covered by Medicaid, Medipass, and all State Approved Medicaid Substitution Programs as delivered to traditionally insured patients.

(c) All above defined Health Providers will be mandatory contractors with Medicaid, Medipass, and all State Approved Medicaid Substitution Programs to maintain active professional and business license in the State of Florida.

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(d) Patient Treatment Standards and timeliness will be held at the same level as demonstrated and conducted in National Data on Timeliness and Standard of Care Treatment Plans as demonstrate, expected, or defined by Data demonstrated by BCBS Federal Government and Medicare. (Example: A violation would be present if a Health Care Provider admitted and performs cholecystectomy in patient with biliary colic in “privately insured patients” and fail to follow same course of action in Medicaid, Medipass, and State Approved Medicaid Substitution Programs.

(e) Failure of a Health Care Provider as defined above will be penalized as follows:

(1) First Offense: \$10,000.00 Penalty

(2) Second Offense: \$20,000.00 Penalty and Mandatory Suspension for 30 days, mandatory suspension without pay of CEO’s, Directors, and Managers of Facilities/corporations for 30 days.

(3) Third Offense: Permanent Loss of License for individuals, mandatory change of directors and board members for corporations (hospitals, nursing homes, home health agency, etc.).

(f) Cost analysis will not be allowed to delay implementation of this amendment for the following reasons:

(1) Necessary monitoring agencies already exist, therefore no added agencies or expenses will be incurred.

(2) Timely intervention will reduce Medicaid expenses, by preventing significant health deterioration and permanent disabilities, therefore, reducing overall expenses associated with severe and irreversible health deterioration.

(3) Potential Penalties are severe enough, that immediate compliance should be anticipated and any failure to meet criteria will generate significant revenue for the monitoring agencies.

(g) This Amendment Shall Become Effective on November 30, 2012.

Date of Signature

X _____

Signature of Registered Voter

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