

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for  
2 Senate Bill No. 834, Page 7, Section 375.1183, Line 184, by inserting after all of said section and  
3 line the following:  
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5 "376.427. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

6 (1) "Health benefit plan", as such term is defined in section 376.1350. The term health  
7 benefit plan shall also include a prepaid dental plan, as defined in section 354.700;

8 (2) "Health care services", medical, surgical, dental, podiatric, pharmaceutical, chiropractic,  
9 licensed ambulance service, and optometric services;

10 (3) "Health carrier" or "carrier", as such term is defined in section 376.1350. The term  
11 health carrier or carrier shall also include a prepaid dental plan corporation, as defined in section  
12 354.700;

13 (4) "Insured", any person entitled to benefits under a contract of accident and sickness  
14 insurance, or medical-payment insurance issued as a supplement to liability insurance but not  
15 including any other coverages contained in a liability or a workers' compensation policy, issued by  
16 an insurer;

17 (5) "Insurer", any person, reciprocal exchange, interinsurer, fraternal benefit society, health  
18 services corporation, self-insured group arrangement to the extent not prohibited by federal law,  
19 prepaid dental plan corporation as defined in section 354.700, or any other legal entity engaged in  
20 the business of insurance;

21 (6) "Provider", a physician, hospital, dentist, podiatrist, chiropractor, pharmacy, licensed  
22 ambulance service, or optometrist, licensed by this state.

23 2. Upon receipt of an assignment of benefits made by the insured to a provider, the insurer  
24 shall issue the instrument of payment for a claim for payment for health care services in the name of  
25 the provider. All claims shall be paid within thirty days of the receipt by the insurer of all  
26 documents reasonably needed to determine the claim.

27 3. Nothing in this section shall preclude an insurer from voluntarily issuing an instrument of  
28 payment in the single name of the provider.

29 4. Except as provided in subsection 5 of this section, this section shall not require any  
30 insurer, health services corporation, prepaid dental plan as defined in section 354.700, health

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1 maintenance corporation or preferred provider organization which directly contracts with certain  
2 members of a class of providers for the delivery of health care services to issue payment as provided  
3 pursuant to this section to those members of the class which do not have a contract with the insurer.

4 5. When a patient's health benefit plan does not include or require payment to out-of-  
5 network providers for all or most covered services, which would otherwise be covered if the patient  
6 received such services from a provider in the health benefit plan's network, including but not limited  
7 to health maintenance organization plans, as such term is defined in section 354.400, or a health  
8 benefit plan offered by a carrier consistent with subdivision (19) of section 376.426, payment for all  
9 services shall be made directly to the providers when the health carrier has authorized such services  
10 to be received from a provider outside the health benefit plan's network.

11 6. Payments made to providers under this section shall be subject to the provisions of  
12 section 376.383. Entities that are not currently subject to the provisions of section 376.383 shall  
13 have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2026 to be subject to such provisions."; and  
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15 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
16 accordingly.