

CHAPTER 98-127

Senate Bill No. 1348

An act relating to rulemaking authority of the Agency for Health Care Administration (RAB); amending s. 440.134, F.S.; directing the agency to adopt rules relating to workers' compensation managed care arrangements; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (25) is added to section 440.134, Florida Statutes, to read:

440.134 Workers' compensation managed care arrangement.—

(25) The agency shall adopt rules that specify:

(a) Procedures for authorization and examination of workers' compensation managed-care arrangements by the agency.

(b) Requirements and procedures for authorization of workers' compensation arrangement provider networks and procedures for the agency to grant exceptions from accessibility of services.

(c) Requirements and procedures for case management, utilization management, and peer review.

(d) Requirements and procedures for quality assurance and medical records.

(e) Requirements and procedures for dispute resolution.

(f) Requirements and procedures for employee and provider education.

(g) Requirements and procedures for reporting data regarding grievances, return-to-work outcomes, and provider networks.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Became a law without the Governor's approval May 22, 1998.

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