

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 474

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 certified nursing assistant or home health aide is referred to a patient's home by a nurse registry, the nurse registry shall advise the patient, the patient's family, or a person acting on behalf of the patient at the time of contracting for services through the nurse registry of the availability of registered nurses to visit the patient's home to assess the patient's condition at 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.

Approved by the Governor June 10, 2005.

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