

CHAPTER 2018-98

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 937

An act relating to perinatal mental health; providing a short title; creating s. 383.014, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to offer perinatal mental health care information through the Family Health Line toll-free hotline accessible to the general public; amending s. 383.318, F.S.; revising components that are included in the postpartum evaluation and followup care provided by birth centers to include a mental health screening and the provision of certain information on postpartum depression; providing an appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. This act may be cited as the “Florida Families First Act.”

Section 2. Section 383.014, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

383.014 Perinatal mental health care.—By January 1, 2019, the Department of Health shall offer perinatal mental health care information through the Family Health Line toll-free hotline, accessible to the general public, which:

(1) Provides basic information on postpartum depression;

(2) May recommend that a caller be further evaluated by a qualified health care provider; and

(3) May refer a caller to an appropriate health care provider in the caller’s local area.

Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 383.318, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

383.318 Postpartum care for birth center clients and infants.—

(3) The birth center shall provide a postpartum evaluation and followup care that includes all of the following ~~shall be provided, which shall include:~~

(a) Physical examination of the infant.

(b) Metabolic screening tests required by s. 383.14.

(c) Referral to sources for pediatric care.

(d) Maternal postpartum assessment that incorporates mental health screening.

(e) Information on postpartum depression and the telephone number of the Family Health Line operated pursuant to s. 383.011.

~~(f)(e)~~ Instruction in child care, including immunization, breastfeeding, safe sleep practices, and possible causes of Sudden Unexpected Infant Death.

~~(g)(f)~~ Family planning services.

~~(h)(g)~~ Referral to secondary or tertiary care, as indicated.

Section 4. For fiscal year 2018-2019, the sums of \$104,320 in recurring funds and \$21,600 in nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund are appropriated to the Department of Health for the purpose of implementing s. 383.014, Florida Statutes.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

Approved by the Governor March 23, 2018.

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