

CHAPTER 2015-66

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 904

An act relating to home health services; amending s. 400.462, F.S.; defining a term; amending s. 400.464, F.S.; allowing home health agencies to operate related offices inside of the main office's health service planning district without an additional license; amending s. 400.506, F.S.; providing for the licensure of more than one nurse registry operational site within the same health service planning district; authorizing a licensed nurse registry to operate a satellite office; requiring a nurse registry operational site to keep all original records; requiring a nurse registry to provide notice and certain evidence before it relocates an operational site or opens a satellite office; reenacting ss. 400.497, 817.505(3)(h), 400.506(3), F.S., to incorporate the amendment made to s. 400.506, F.S., in references thereto; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Present subsections (28) and (29) of section 400.462, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (29) and (30), respectively, and a new subsection (28) is added to that section, to read:

400.462 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

(28) "Satellite office" means a secondary office of a nurse registry established pursuant to s. 400.506(1) in the same health service planning district as a licensed nurse registry operational site.

Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 400.464, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

400.464 Home health agencies to be licensed; expiration of license; exemptions; unlawful acts; penalties.—

(2) If the licensed home health agency operates related offices, each related office outside the health service planning district county where the main office is located must be separately licensed. The counties where the related offices are operating within the health service planning district must be specified on the license in the main office.

Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 400.506, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

400.506 Licensure of nurse registries; requirements; penalties.—

(1)(a) A nurse registry is exempt from the licensing requirements of a home health agency but must be licensed as a nurse registry. The requirements of part II of chapter 408 apply to the provision of services that require licensure pursuant to ss. 400.506-400.518 and part II of chapter

408 and to entities licensed by or applying for such license from the Agency for Health Care Administration pursuant to ss. 400.506-400.518. A license issued by the agency is required for the operation of a nurse registry. Each operational site of the nurse registry must be licensed, unless there is more than one site within the health service planning district for which a license is issued. In such case, a county. ~~If there is more than one site within a county, only one license per county is required.~~ each operational site within the health service planning district must be listed on the license.

(b) A licensed nurse registry may operate a satellite office as defined in s. 400.462. The nurse registry operational site must administer all satellite offices. A satellite office may store supplies and records, register and process contractors, and conduct business by telephone as is done at other operational sites. Nurse registries may use signs and advertisements to notify the public of the location of a satellite office. All original records must be kept at the operational site.

(c) A nurse registry must provide notice, in writing, to the agency at the state and area office levels, as required by agency rule, of a proposed change of address for an operational site or the opening of a satellite office. Before relocating an operational site or opening a satellite office, the nurse registry must submit evidence of its legal right to use the proposed property and evidence that the property is zoned for nurse registry use.

Section 4. Section 400.497, paragraph (h) of subsection (3) of s. 817.505, and subsection (3) of s. 400.506, Florida Statutes, are reenacted for the purpose of incorporating the amendment made by this act to s. 400.506, Florida Statutes, in references thereto.

Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.

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