



H 3726 Palmetto Comprehensive Health Care Act

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TO CREATE A PUBLICLY FINANCED SINGLE-PAYER HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FOR ALL STATE RESIDENTS;

TO APPLY FOR WAIVERS TO ALLOW THE STATE TO OPERATE MEDICARE, MEDICAID, AND OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS AS PART OF THE PROGRAM;

TO ESTABLISH BENEFITS PROVIDED FOR BY THE PROGRAM INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PRIMARY CARE, PREVENTIVE CARE, DENTAL AND VISION CARE, PRESCRIPTION DRUG COVERAGE, MATERNITY AND NEWBORN CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES;

TO PROHIBIT PRIVATE INSURANCE COMPANIES FROM SELLING HEALTH INSURANCE THAT PROVIDES BENEFITS COVERED BY THE PROGRAM AND TO ALLOW THESE COMPANIES TO SELL POLICIES THAT PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR BENEFITS NOT COVERED BY THE PROGRAM;

TO PROHIBIT THE PROGRAM AND HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS FROM CHARGING INDIVIDUALS ANY AMOUNTS FOR RECEIVING HEALTH CARE SERVICES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, PREMIUMS, COPAYS, DEDUCTIBLES, AND COINSURANCE;

TO ESTABLISH A DRUG FORMULARY SYSTEM, AS PART OF WHICH THE DEPARTMENT PURCHASES DRUGS WHOLESALE AND PROMOTES THE USE OF GENERIC MEDICATION;

TO COMPENSATE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS USING A STANDARD FEE; TO COMPENSATE HOSPITALS, NURSING HOMES, AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AS PART OF A GLOBAL PAYMENT SYSTEM; TO PAY PHARMACISTS A REASONABLE DISPENSING FEE AND THE WHOLESALE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS;

TO REQUIRE THE PROGRAM TO BE FUNDED BY PAYROLL ASSESSMENTS AND NONPAYROLL INCOME ASSESSMENTS; TO REQUIRE THE ASSESSMENTS TO BE GRADUATED TO CHARGE HIGHER RATES TO INDIVIDUALS EARNING HIGHER INCOMES, AND TO TREAT RESIDENTS WORKING OUTSIDE OF THE STATE AS SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS;