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| Action: | Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed |
| Vote: | 5 - 0 - 0 |
| Yeas: | Carter, Gordly, Kruse, Courtney, Monnes Anderson |
| Nays: | 0 |
| Exc.: | 0 |
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| Meeting Dates: | 2/7, 2/14, 2/21 |

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Permits the exchange of protected health information between health service organizations and state health plan for the purpose of providing integrated behavioral and/or physical health care services to clients. Declares emergency, takes effect upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Use of the words 'and', 'or' or 'and/or'
- Legislative intent is 'and/or' which is not used by Legislative Counsel

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies that health service organizations and the state health plan may exchange a client's health information if the client is receiving behavioral or physical, or behavioral and physical health care services.

BACKGROUND: The Department of Human Services' (DHS) Division of Medical Assistance Programs (DMAP) contracts with various prepaid managed health service organizations in order to deliver chemical dependency, dental, physical and mental health treatment/care to its clients.

DHS clients authorize DHS to exchange personal health information with their physical, dental, behavioral and mental health care providers. However, there is no mechanism in place to allow the various health services organizations to share information with each other without their mutual patient's authorization for each exchange. One provider may not be aware of, nor be able to see records about, the treatment prescribed at the other organization. This bill would allow the exchange of protected information between contracted managed care organizations without requiring additional, individual, patient authorizations. Proponents state that this bill would remove barriers to effective health care for DHS clients being treated by multiple health care entities.

This bill would allow DMAP and managed health care organizations immediate access to a patient's various health care records without waiting to secure additional patient authorizations.

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