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An act relating to pregnancy support and wellness services; amending s. 381.96, F.S.; revising contract requirements for the Florida Pregnancy Care Network, Inc.; requiring the Department of Health to conduct annual visits to each organization within the network; providing requirements for the visits; providing an effective date.

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

- Section 1. Subsections (4) and (5) of section 381.96, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5) and (6), respectively, subsection (3) is amended, and a new subsection (4) is added to that section, to read:
 - 381.96 Pregnancy support and wellness services.-
- (3) CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.—The department contract <u>must</u> shall specify the contract deliverables, including financial reports and other reports due to the department, timeframes for achieving contractual obligations, and any other requirements the department determines are necessary, such as staffing and location requirements. The contract <u>must</u> shall require the network to:
- (a) Establish, implement, and monitor a comprehensive system of care through subcontractors to meet the pregnancy and

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parenting support and wellness needs of eligible clients.

- (b) Establish and manage subcontracts with a sufficient number of providers to ensure the availability of pregnancy and parenting support services and wellness services for eligible clients, and maintain and manage the delivery of such services throughout the contract period.
- (c) Spend at least 85 percent of the contract funds on pregnancy and parenting support services, excluding services specified in subparagraph (1)(d)4., and wellness services.
- (d) Offer wellness services through vouchers or other appropriate arrangements that allow the purchase of services from qualified health care providers.
- (e) Require a background screening under s. 943.0542 for all paid staff and volunteers of a subcontractor if such staff or volunteers provide direct client services to an eligible client who is a minor or an elderly person or who has a disability.
- (f) Annually monitor its subcontractors and specify the sanctions that shall be imposed for noncompliance with the terms of a subcontract.
- (g) Subcontract only with providers that exclusively promote and support childbirth.
- (h) Ensure that informational materials provided to an eligible client by a provider <u>include only</u> are current, medically and accurate information and cite the reference source

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(i) Ensure that organizations within the network make information on local rape crisis centers and sexual assault treatment centers readily available to clients.

- $\underline{(j)}$ Ensure that the department is provided with all information necessary for the report required under subsection (6) $\underline{(5)}$.
- (k) Perform an annual financial audit of each organization within the network and submit a report of the audit to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by February 1 each year.
- (4) DEPARTMENT VISITS.—The department shall visit each organization within the network at least annually to determine compliance with the terms of the contract. The visit must be an unannounced visit but must be conducted during the organization's regular business hours.
- Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.