Issue Spotlight: Healthcare Innovations

We are dedicated to fostering innovative ideas and policies so that our overall healthcare system can provide patients with better services at better prices. Our goal is to improve access to affordable, quality healthcare.

The following bills advance this commitment to increase access to affordable and quality health care. Please refer to bill texts and analyses for additional information on what each bill does and does not do.

Recovery Care Services - HB 25, Rep. Stevenson

- HB 25 changes the allowable length of stay in an Ambulatory Surgical Centers from less than one working day to no more than 48 hours. The bill also creates a new license for Recovery Care Centers in Florida, which will be permitted to keep a patient up to 72 hours.
- The bill provides lower-cost, high-quality alternatives for Floridians.

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Medicaid Work Requirements - HB 955, Rep. Perez

- HB 955 directs the Agency for Health Care Administration to seek federal approval to require ablebodied adults in the Medicaid program to work or be in school consistent with the requirements for federal cash assistance programs.
- The bill creates a reasonable eligibility requirement for Medicaid to incentivize employment.

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Hospital Efficiency and Innovation – HB 961, Rep. Fine

- HB 961 creates an independent body with the ability to review innovative ideas with statutory or regulatory barriers to implementation and grant exemptions from specific law and rules on a caseby-case basis.
- The bill allows innovations in healthcare to overcome governmental barriers to implementation.

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