

## **OPPOSE LEGISLATION ALLOWING NON-PROFITS AND AGRICULTURE GROUPS OFFER UNLICENSED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Titled the “Florida Nonprofit Health Coverage Deregulation Act” this legislation allows nonprofit membership associations and agricultural cooperative associations to offer health coverage options to their members.

The bill specifies that the coverage is not considered insurance, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary. These entities will not be required to obtain a certificate of authority as a health insurance company, nor will the forms and rates receive review and approval.

The bill allows, but does not require, these unlicensed insurers to cede to licensed insurers all or part of the liabilities. The bill requires filing of an annual actuarial report with the insurance commissioner, but does not grant authority for the Commissioner to act on this legislation.

The bill also contains no disclosures to consumers, so purchasers may not know that this coverage is unregulated, may be unsound, may not pay their claims, and has no coverage from the Florida Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association.

The bill is a good faith attempt to provide more options and flexibility for health insurance coverage in a market with limited competition. However, solvency and trust in the health insurance industry, including companies and agents, is extremely important and one insolvency creates issues for all agents and insurers.

**OPPOSE HB 1483 BY REPRESENTATIVE PLAKON  
AND SB 1602 BY SENATOR COLLINS.**