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## Florida House Unveils Florida's New Frontier in Healthcare

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** (December 9, 2025) — Speaker Perez today announced a major healthcare legislative initiative to be taken up during the upcoming Legislative Session, headlined as **Florida's New Frontier in Healthcare**. The package includes two cornerstone bills aimed at modernizing Florida's healthcare system, strengthening the workforce, expanding access to care, and lowering costs for families while advancing state-level action following President Trump's landmark federal healthcare reforms.

The legislative roll-out features the [Big Beautiful Healthcare Frontier Act](#) sponsored by **Representative Redondo**, which expands access to care by cutting red tape and growing Florida's healthcare workforce, and the [Prescription Reduction Incentives and Competition Enhancement Act \(PRICE Act\)](#) by **Representative Kincart Jonsson**, focused on increasing affordability and transparency in prescription drug pricing for Floridians.

*"President Trump's bold leadership through the One Big Beautiful Bill set the standard for real, results-driven healthcare reform, and Florida is proud to lead the way in implementing that vision at the state level," said **Speaker Daniel Perez**. "We are taking decisive action to cut red tape, grow our healthcare workforce, expand patient choice, and protect taxpayer dollars while ensuring families can access high-quality care when they need it most. In partnership with the President's leadership, Florida is delivering real results."*

**Representative Josie Tomkow**, Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee, added, "Florida's new frontier in healthcare means putting patients first and making sure taxpayer dollars are used wisely. These reforms expand access to care, strengthen our healthcare workforce, and finally take meaningful steps to rein in prescription drug costs. From modernizing state policies to holding middlemen accountable, this package delivers practical solutions that directly benefit Florida families."

### Big Beautiful Healthcare Frontier Act

The **Big Beautiful Healthcare Frontier Act** is foundational to Florida's new frontier in healthcare, translating **President Trump's federal healthcare reforms into real state-level action** that expands access, modernizes the workforce, and ensures government programs remain sustainable for the long term.

Following the President's leadership in reforming federal healthcare policy, Florida is stepping forward to implement commonsense solutions that strengthen oversight while empowering patients and providers. The Big Beautiful Healthcare Frontier Act ensures state law is fully aligned with new federal standards for Medicaid,

CHIP, and SNAP. This alignment eliminates conflicts and gives agencies clear authority to comply while protecting taxpayer dollars.

**Key provisions include:**

- Limiting eligibility for Medicaid, CHIP, and SNAP for certain illegal immigrants.
- Reducing retroactive Medicaid and CHIP coverage to two months.
- Codifying the federal prohibition on Medicaid payments to prohibited entities.
- Expanding SNAP work requirements for able-bodied adults from age 59 to 64 and revising parental exemptions to parents with children under age 14.
- Strengthening program integrity by improving address verification, identifying deceased recipients faster, and addressing SNAP payment errors to avoid federal penalties by the end of 2026.

Building on **President Trump’s focus on workforce growth, deregulation, and patient choice**, the **Big Beautiful Healthcare Frontier Act** also advances a robust package of healthcare modernization policies designed to increase competition, expand capacity, and lower costs for Floridians.

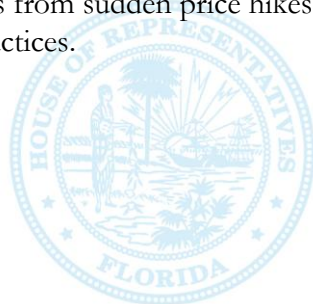
**These reforms include:**

- **Repealing remaining Certificate-of-Need requirements** for nursing homes, hospice services, and intermediate care facilities for individuals with developmental disabilities. This removes government barriers that restrict access to care and competition.
- **Joining interstate licensure compacts** for physician assistants and EMS professionals. This enables providers to practice more easily across state lines.
- **Authorizing independent practice for all five advanced registered nurse specialties**, adding this authority for psychiatric nurse practitioners, nurse anesthetists, and clinical nurse specialists.
- **Eliminating the supervisory cap on physician assistants**, allowing physicians to oversee more PAs and expand patient capacity.
- **Expanding the scope of dental hygienists**, improving access to routine preventive dental care.
- **Strengthening patient transparency protections** by requiring notification of out-of-network referrals and ensuring patient payments count toward deductibles when cost-effective.

“These policies reflect President Trump’s healthcare vision, which calls for fewer bureaucratic obstacles, more providers on the frontlines, and more freedom for patients to choose where and how they receive care,” said **Representative Redondo**. “The Big Beautiful Healthcare Frontier Act ensures Florida is not just complying with federal reforms. We are leading their implementation to expand access, strengthen our workforce, and deliver better healthcare outcomes for families across our state.”

**PRICE Act**

Florida’s **PRICE Act** tackles one of the most urgent challenges facing working families: the rising cost of essential medications. Building on federal momentum toward **market-driven drug pricing reforms championed by President Trump**, this legislation establishes state-level policies to restore competition in the pharmaceutical marketplace, protect patients from sudden price hikes, hold Pharmacy Benefit Managers accountable, and curb unfair middleman practices.



## Most Favored Nation Drug Pricing

The bill establishes a “**most favored nation**” pricing model for prescription drugs in Florida, **ensuring Floridians no longer pay significantly more for medications than consumers in comparable nations.**

To set accurate benchmark prices, the bill:

- Requires **drug manufacturers selling in Florida to report international pricing data** to the state as a licensure requirement.
- Directs the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to **identify, publish, and routinely update the lowest international price paid for each drug** among countries with comparable economic standards and market-based health systems. Prices from single-payer health system countries will be excluded.

To **guarantee savings for patients**, the bill:

- Requires **commercial insurers, Medicaid health plans, and pharmacies to pay no more than the established benchmark price.**
- Directs insurers to **use resulting savings to reduce premiums and patient cost-sharing.**

To **ensure accountability**, the bill:

- Requires insurers to submit **annual actuarial savings reports to the state.**
- Requires annual performance reports from AHCA and the Office of Insurance Regulation (OIR) to the Governor and Legislature tracking price changes and patient savings.

## Pharmacy Benefit Manager Reforms

The legislation strengthens oversight of Pharmacy Benefit Managers, or PBMs, to **protect pharmacies and ensure consumers are treated fairly.**

The bill:

- Prohibits PBMs from forcing pharmacies to dispense drugs at a loss or requiring sourcing from PBM-affiliated manufacturers when less expensive generic or biosimilar alternatives are available.
- Requires PBMs to **reimburse out-of-network pharmacies at the same rates as in-network pharmacies.**
- Requires OIR to adopt rules governing PBM contracts.

## Prescription Drug Formularies

To **protect patients from sudden changes to coverage and pricing**, the bill reforms how prescription drug formularies are managed during the plan year.

The bill:

- Requires insurers and PBMs to maintain “**frozen formularies**”, prohibiting mid-year changes that remove medications, reclassify drug tiers, or increase out-of-pocket costs.
- Applies these protections when **manufacturers agree to maintain stable pricing for the duration of the plan year.**



These reforms provide greater certainty for patients and prescribers by stabilizing coverage, preventing surprise cost increases, and supporting consistent medication adherence; while preventing premium increases due to drug price hikes.

“This bill is about restoring fairness, competition, and transparency to a system that has become deeply tilted against patients,” said **Representative Kincart Jonsson**. “Following President Trump’s leadership on drug pricing reform, Florida is standing up for families at the pharmacy counter by demanding market-based pricing, cracking down on abusive PBM practices, and ensuring patients can rely on stable access to the medications they need.”

### **Leading Florida’s Healthcare Future**

Together, these two initiatives reflect Florida’s new frontier in healthcare, grounded in conservative reforms that cut red tape, empower providers, strengthen market competition, and put patients first.

“By building on the President’s vision and taking decisive action here at home, Florida is proving yet again that when it comes to real-world solutions, we lead,” **Speaker Perez** said. “These reforms will expand access, increase affordability, and create a healthcare system worthy of the families we serve.”

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