

Legislative Alert:

Immediate Action Needed on HB 1101 / SB 1842

Dear FMHCA Network,

We need your voice now.

House Bill 1101(2025), introduced by Representative Jon Albert, and its companion **Senate Bill 1842**, would require health care providers (as defined in Chapter 456 – which includes LMHCs) to notify patients in writing when referring them to out-of-network providers.

While the intent of this legislation is to enhance transparency in healthcare referrals, it shifts the burden of notification from insurance companies to healthcare providers. This creates significant administrative strain on providers, particularly those in private practice, and may result in delays in care unless additional staff are hired to research patient insurance status—an unsustainable expectation for many.

Key Concerns:

- Increased administrative workload for providers
- Potential delays in patient care
- Financial strain on small or solo practices
- Failure to comply, without good cause, may result in disciplinary action against the provider

What You Can Do: Please **contact (call and/or email) your Florida State Representative and State Senator** (not your U.S. Congressman) and express your concerns about this legislation. You are encouraged to personalize your message with a brief explanation of how this bill could affect your practice or the patients you serve.

Read the full bill text:

[HB 1101 Document](#)

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This bill is moving quickly through the legislative process. Please act today and share this alert with your colleagues.

FMHCA is actively monitoring this legislation and has a professional lobbyist at the Capitol advocating on your behalf—because of our strong and growing membership base. If you are not already a member of FMHCA, we strongly encourage you to join. As the only organization in Florida solely dedicated to advocating for **Licensed Mental Health Counselors**, we rely on your support to ensure our profession is heard and protected. The larger our membership, the stronger our voice.

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