

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2025 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Appropriations

SB 2514 — Health and Human Services

by Appropriations Committee

The Conference Committee Amendment for SB 2514, relating to Health and Human Services, conforms statutes to funding decisions related to Health and Human Services in the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Specifically, the amendment:

- Allows dental and dental hygiene students with job offers from eligible public health programs or private practices to apply for the Dental Student Loan Repayment Program prior to beginning employment.
- Revises the Cancer Connect Collaborative’s membership, establishes grant parameters and reporting requirements for the Cancer Innovation Fund, creates a five-year Research Incubator to fund targeted cancer research; and authorizes funding in the Casey DeSantis Research Program for cancer centers accredited as Comprehensive Community Cancer Program or Integrated Network Cancer Program.
- Establishes the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute VisionGen Initiative to advance genetic and epigenetic research on inherited eye diseases and ocular oncology.
- Revises suspension and revocation of patient and caregiver registrations for controlled substance offenses; allows reinstatement after sentencing with notarized attestation; penalizes false attestations.
- Requires the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to enhance nursing home governance through resident surveys, medical director standards, safety culture reviews, and improved health data exchange.
- Strengthens nursing home oversight with new reporting, quality tracking, and a third-party comprehensive study on national quality best practices due by January 5, 2026.
- Provides continuous Medicaid eligibility for aged and disabled recipients receiving institutional or home and community-based services during redetermination, unless a material change occurs; requires federal waiver submission by October 1, 2025, to eliminate annual redeterminations.
- Requires Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) plans to cover medically necessary biomarker testing consistent with the state plan, establish authorization procedures, and require coverage of blood-based biomarker tests for colorectal cancer screening as specified in federal Medicare determinations.
- Modifies eligibility for obtaining residency slots under the Slots for Doctors Program and repeals the Graduate Medical Education Committee.
- Expands the Training, Education, and Clinicals in Health (TEACH) Funding Program to include certain nonprofits and provides for reimbursement of nursing students.
- Revises SMMC achieved savings rebate audit procedures and excludes hospital directed payment program administrative costs from allowable income calculations.
- Authorizes the AHCA to provide Medicaid premium assistance for employer-sponsored coverage; allows exceeding standard premium assistance for high-cost patients if cost-effective; requires annual legislative reporting beginning June 30, 2026.
- Allows Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) provider to operate in a geographic service area which has an existing provider, if there is a need for additional

service availability, as determined by the AHCA and the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2025, except where otherwise expressly provided.

Vote: Senate 34-0; House 105-0