

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to eligibility for the WAGES
3 Program (RAB); amending s. 414.095, F.S.;
4 specifying beginning dates for benefits under
5 the program and Medicaid coverage for a program
6 participant; specifying that the payee of
7 temporary cash assistance may be the caretaker
8 with whom a minor child resides; providing an
9 effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 414.095, Florida
14 Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (j) is added to subsection
15 (15) of that section, to read:

16 414.095 Determining eligibility for the WAGES
17 Program.--

18 (9) APPLICATIONS.--The date of application is the date
19 the department or authorized entity receives a signed and
20 dated request to participate in the WAGES Program. The request
21 shall be denied 30 days after the initial application if the
22 applicant fails to respond to scheduled appointments,
23 including appointments with the state agency responsible for
24 administering the child support enforcement program, and does
25 not contact the department or authorized entity regarding the
26 application.

27 (a) The beginning date of eligibility for temporary
28 cash assistance is the date on which the application is
29 approved or 30 days after the date of application, whichever
30 is earlier.

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1 (b) The add date for a newborn child is the date of
2 the child's birth.

3 (c) The add date for all other individuals is the date
4 on which the client contacts the department to request that
5 the individual be included in the grant for temporary cash
6 assistance.

7 (d) Medicaid coverage for a recipient of temporary
8 cash assistance begins on the first day of the first month of
9 eligibility for temporary cash assistance, and such coverage
10 shall include any eligibility required by federal law which is
11 prior to the month of application.

12 (15) PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.--

13 (j) The payee of the temporary cash assistance payment
14 is the caretaker relative with whom a minor child resides and
15 who assumes primary responsibility for the child's daily
16 supervision, care, and control, except in cases where a
17 protective payee is established.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
19 law.

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