

By the Committee on Health Care and Senator Clary

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to Medicaid; amending s.
409.906, F.S.; authorizing the Agency for
Health Care Administration to pay for certain
types of services for the Healthy Start
program, pursuant to a federal waiver;
providing for certain limits on such services;
directing the agency to seek such a waiver;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Present subsections (11) through (22) of
section 409.906, F.S., are renumbered as subsections (12)
through (23), respectively, and a new subsection (11) is added
to that section to read:

409.906 Optional Medicaid services.--Subject to
specific appropriations, the agency may make payments for
services which are optional to the state under Title XIX of
the Social Security Act and are furnished by Medicaid
providers to recipients who are determined to be eligible on
the dates on which the services were provided. Any optional
service that is provided shall be provided only when medically
necessary and in accordance with state and federal law.
Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent or limit
the agency from adjusting fees, reimbursement rates, lengths
of stay, number of visits, or number of services, or making
any other adjustments necessary to comply with the
availability of moneys and any limitations or directions
provided for in the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.
Optional services may include:

1 (11) HEALTHY START SERVICES.--The agency may pay for a
2 continuum of risk-appropriate medical and psychosocial
3 services for the Healthy Start program in accordance with a
4 federal waiver. The agency may not implement the federal
5 waiver unless the waiver permits the state to limit enrollment
6 or the amount, duration, and scope of services to ensure that
7 expenditures will not exceed funds appropriated by the
8 Legislature or available from local sources.

9 Section 2. The Agency for Health Care Administration,
10 working jointly with the Department of Health and the Florida
11 Association of Healthy Start Coalitions, is directed to seek a
12 federal waiver to secure Title XIX matching funds for the
13 Healthy Start program. The federal waiver application must
14 seek Medicaid matching funds utilizing appropriated general
15 revenue and local contributions.

16 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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18 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
19 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
20 Senate Bill 650

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22 Instead of amending ss. 383.011 and 409.912, F.S., amends s.
23 409.906, relating to optional Medicaid services, and creates
24 an undesignated section of law.

25 Makes clear that the federal Medicaid waiver sought will only
26 be implemented if it permits the state to limit enrollment or
27 the amount, duration, and scope of services to ensure that
28 expenditures will not exceed funds appropriated by the
29 legislature or available from local sources.