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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to Medicaid eligibility;
amending s. 409.904, F.S.; providing Medicaid
eligibility for certain disabled persons under
a Medicaid buy-in program, subject to specific
federal authorization; directing the Agency for
Health Care Administration to seek a federal
grant, demonstration project, or waiver for
establishment of such buy-in program, subject
to a specific appropriation; providing an
effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (8) is added to section 409.904, Florida Statutes, to read:

409.904 Optional payments for eligible persons. -- The agency may make payments for medical assistance and related services on behalf of the following persons who are determined to be eligible subject to the income, assets, and categorical eligibility tests set forth in federal and state law. on behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the availability of moneys and any limitations established by the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216. 

(8) Subject to specific federal authorization, a person who, but for earnings in excess of the limit established under s. 1905(q)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act, would be considered for receiving supplemental security income, who is at least 16 but less than 65 years of age, and whose assets, resources, and earned or unearned income, or both, do not exceed 250 percent of the most current federal

poverty level. Such persons may be eligible for Medicaid 1 services as part of a Medicaid buy-in established under s. 2 3 409.914(2) specifically designed to accommodate those persons made eligible for such a buy-in by Title II of Pub. L. No. 4 5 106-170. Such buy-in shall include income-related premiums and 6 cost sharing. 7 Subject to a specific appropriation, the Section 2. 8 Agency for Health Care Administration is directed to seek a 9 federal grant, demonstration project, or waiver, as may be 10 authorized by the United States Department of Health and Human 11 Services, for purposes of establishing a Medicaid buy-in 12 program for certain disabled persons whose medical 13 improvements permit them to return to work. The services to be provided under the buy-in are those medical assistance 14 services required to enable such individuals to remain 15 16 employed. The grant, demonstration project, or waiver 17 application shall be submitted to the Secretary of Health and Human Services at such time, in such manner, and containing 18 such information as the secretary shall require, as authorized 19 20 under Title II of Pub. L. No. 106-170, the "Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Act of 1999." 21 Section 3. This act shall take effect October 1, 2000. 22 23 24 25 HOUSE SUMMARY 26 Provides Medicaid eligibility under a Medicaid buy-in program to provide medical assistance to disabled persons who meet described criteria, subject to specific federal authorization. Subject to a specific appropriation, directs the Agency for Health Care Administration to seek a grant, demonstration project, or waiver from the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services for the purpose of establishing such buy-in program 27 28 29 establishing such buy-in program. 30 31