

By Representative Siplin

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to pharmaceutical expense
3 assistance; amending s. 409.9065, F.S.;
4 increasing the maximum income level for
5 eligibility under the pharmaceutical expense
6 assistance program; increasing the maximum
7 monthly benefit amount per participant;
8 providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and
13 subsection (3) of section 409.9065, Florida Statutes, are
14 amended to read:

15 409.9065 Pharmaceutical expense assistance.--

16 (2) ELIGIBILITY.--Eligibility for the program is
17 limited to those individuals who qualify for limited
18 assistance under the Florida Medicaid program as a result of
19 being dually eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid, but
20 whose limited assistance or Medicare coverage does not include
21 any pharmacy benefit. Specifically eligible are low-income
22 senior citizens who:

23 (b) Have an income between 90 and 150 ~~120~~ percent of
24 the federal poverty level;

25 (3) BENEFITS.--Medications covered under the
26 pharmaceutical expense assistance program are those covered
27 under the Medicaid program in s. 409.906(20). Monthly benefit
28 payments shall be limited to \$150 ~~\$80~~ per program participant.
29 Participants are required to make a 10-percent coinsurance
30 payment for each prescription purchased through this program.

31 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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HOUSE SUMMARY

Increases from 120 percent to 150 percent of federal poverty level the maximum income for participation of an elderly individual in the pharmaceutical expense assistance program. Increases from \$80 to \$150 the monthly benefit limitation per participant.