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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to optional medical assistance  
and related services payments; amending s.  
409.904, F.S.; providing for Medicaid  
eligibility for certain disabled persons under  
a Medicaid buy-in program, subject to specific  
federal authorization; providing an effective  
date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (11) 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. Payment  
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.

(11) 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  
services as part of a Medicaid buy-in established under s.  
409.914(2) specifically designed to accommodate those persons

1 made eligible for such a buy-in by Title II of Pub. L. No.  
2 106-170. Such buy-in shall include income-related premiums and  
3 cost sharing.

4           Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.  
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