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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to community care for the elderly;  
amending s. 430.205, F.S.; providing guidelines for  
prioritizing services; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 430.205, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

430.205 Community care service system.--

(5) Any person who has been classified as a functionally  
impaired elderly person is eligible to receive community-care-  
for-the-elderly core services. Those elderly persons who are  
determined by protective investigations to be vulnerable adults  
in need of services, pursuant to s. 415.104(3)(b), or to be  
victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation who are in need of  
immediate services to prevent further harm and are referred by  
the adult protective services program, shall be given primary  
consideration for receiving community-care-for-the-elderly  
services. As used in this subsection, "primary consideration"  
means that an assessment and services must commence within 72  
hours after referral to the department or as established in  
accordance with department contracts by local protocols  
developed between department service providers and the adult  
protective services program. Another factor that must be  
considered in prioritizing these services is the potential  
recipient's ability to pay. Those who are less able must receive  
higher priority than those who are better able to pay.

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