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Senators Peaden, Dawson and Margolis moved the following amendment:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 4, lines 22-25, delete those lines

and insert: and one position is authorized, to implement section 1 of this act during the 2003-2004 fiscal year.

Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 409.904, Florida Statutes, is amended 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.

(2) A caretaker relative or parent, a pregnant woman, a child under age 19 who would otherwise qualify for Florida Kidcare Medicaid, a child up to age 21 who would otherwise

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1 qualify under s. 409.903(1), a person age 65 or over, or a
2 blind or disabled person, who would otherwise be eligible for
3 Florida Medicaid, except that the income or assets of such
4 family or person exceed established limitations. For a family
5 or person in one of these coverage groups, medical expenses
6 are deductible from income in accordance with federal
7 requirements in order to make a determination of eligibility.
8 Expenses used to meet spend-down liability are not
9 reimbursable by Medicaid. Effective July ~~May~~ 1, 2003, when
10 determining the eligibility of a pregnant woman, a child, or
11 an aged, blind, or disabled individual, \$270 shall be deducted
12 from the countable income of the filing unit. When determining
13 the eligibility of the parent or caretaker relative as defined
14 by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, the additional income
15 disregard of \$270 does not apply. A family or person eligible
16 under the coverage known as the "medically needy," is eligible
17 to receive the same services as other Medicaid recipients,
18 with the exception of services in skilled nursing facilities
19 and intermediate care facilities for the developmentally
20 disabled.

21 Section 4. The non-recurring sums of \$8,265,777 from
22 the General Revenue Fund, \$2,505,224 from the Grants and
23 Donations Trust Fund, and \$11,727,287 from the Medical Care
24 Trust Fund are appropriated to the Agency for Health Care
25 Administration to implement section 3 of this act during the
26 2002-2003 fiscal year.

27 Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
28 law, but if it becomes a law after May 1, 2003, sections 3 and
29 4 of this act shall operate retroactively to that date.

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3 On page 1, line 17, delete that line

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5 and insert:

6 position; amending s. 409.904, F.S.; postponing
7 the effective date of changes to standards for
8 eligibility for certain optional medical
9 assistance, including coverage under the
10 medically needy program; providing
11 appropriations; providing for retroactive
12 application; providing effective dates.

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