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A bill to be entitled
 An act relating to the Florida Kidcare program; creating
 s. 409.8141, F.S.; providing that an uninsured parent,
 guardian, or relative caretaker of a child enrolled in the
 Florida Kidcare program is eligible for coverage under the
 program, subject to certain limitation; requiring separate
 premiums or cost-sharing requirements for the parent,
 guardian, or relative caretaker; providing that nonpayment
 of premiums or cost-sharing requirements for an adult is
 not grounds for disenrolling a child in that family from
 the program; providing for coverage of a parent, guardian,
 or relative caretaker whose income is above a specified
 level if the adult pays the full cost of the premium,
 including administrative costs; providing that the
 eligibility for coverage provided by the act is not an
 entitlement; authorizing the Agency for Health Care
 Administration and the board of directors of the Florida
 Healthy Kids Corporation to limit enrollment under the
 act; exempting the adults enrolled under the act from the
 enrollment limitations of the Florida Kidcare program;
 providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 409.8141, Florida Statutes, is created
 to read:

409.8141 Eligibility for a parent, guardian, or relative
 caretaker.--

(1) An uninsured parent, guardian, or relative caretaker
 of a child enrolled in the Florida Kidcare program is eligible



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31 for coverage under the Florida Kidcare program, subject to the
32 availability of moneys and any limitations established in the
33 General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

34 (2) Cost-sharing requirements or premiums charged for
35 coverage for a parent, guardian, or relative caretaker shall be
36 separate from and in addition to the cost-sharing provisions
37 imposed for child coverage. Nonpayment of the premiums or cost-
38 sharing requirements for a parent, guardian, or relative
39 caretaker shall not be grounds for disenrollment of a child in
40 that family.

41 (3) A parent, guardian, or relative caretaker of a child
42 enrolled in the Florida Kidcare program whose income is above
43 200 percent of the federal poverty level may participate in the
44 Florida Kidcare program; however, the adult is not eligible for
45 premium assistance payments and must pay the full cost of the
46 premium, including any administrative costs.

47 (4) The eligibility created in this section is not an
48 entitlement. The agency and the board of directors of the
49 Florida Healthy Kids Corporation may place limits on enrollment
50 of parents, guardians, or relative caretakers in order to avoid
51 adverse selection or to comply with limitations in the General
52 Appropriations Act.

53 (5) A parent, guardian, or relative caretaker who
54 participates in the Florida Kidcare program as provided in this
55 section is not included in the annual limitations on enrollment
56 established for the Florida Kidcare program.

57 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2003.