

Bill No. CS for SB 2750

Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ Barcode 074564

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11 Senator Klein moved the following amendment:

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13 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

14 On page 87, line 1-4, delete those lines

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16 and insert:

17 Section 62. Effective May 1, 2003, subsection (2) of  
18 section 409.904, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

19 409.904 Optional payments for eligible persons.--The  
20 agency may make payments for medical assistance and related  
21 services on behalf of the following persons who are determined  
22 to be eligible subject to the income, assets, and categorical  
23 eligibility tests set forth in federal and state law. Payment  
24 on behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the  
25 availability of moneys and any limitations established by the  
26 General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

27 (2) A caretaker relative or parent, a pregnant woman,  
28 a child under age 19 who would otherwise qualify for Florida  
29 Kidcare Medicaid, a child up to age 21 who would otherwise  
30 qualify under s. 409.903(1), a person age 65 or over, or a  
31 blind or disabled person, who would otherwise be eligible for

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

19           Section 63. The nonrecurring sums of \$8,265,777 from  
20 the General Revenue Fund, \$2,505,224 from the Grants and  
21 Donations Trust Fund, and \$11,727,287 from the Medical Care  
22 Trust Fund are appropriated to the Agency for Health Care  
23 Administration to implement section 3 of this act during the  
24 2002-2003 fiscal year. This section takes effect May 1, 2003.

25           Section 64. Except as otherwise expressly provided in  
26 this act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2003; this  
27 section and sections 25-41 of this act shall take effect upon  
28 becoming a law; and, if this act becomes a law after May 1,  
29 2003, sections 62 and 63 of this act shall operate  
30 retroactively to that date.

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3            On page 8, line 30, after the semicolon

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5 insert:

6            amending s. 409.904, F.S.; postponing the  
7            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;

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