

Amendment No. (for drafter's use only)

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Representatives Kosmas, Joyner, Gannon, Justice, Rich, Bucher, Wiles, Richardson, Cusack, Vana, Seiler, Meadows, Roberson, Ritter, Wishner, Gottlieb, and Gelber offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 3, line 28, through page 4, line 29, remove: all of said lines and insert:

Section 2. Effective upon this act becoming a law, and applicable retroactively to May 1, 2003, 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

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28 availability of moneys and any limitations established by the
29 General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

30 (2) A caretaker relative or parent, a pregnant woman, a
31 child under age 19 who would otherwise qualify for Florida
32 Kidcare Medicaid, a child up to age 21 who would otherwise
33 qualify under s. 409.903(1), a person age 65 or over, or a blind
34 or disabled person, who would otherwise be eligible for Florida
35 Medicaid, except that the income or assets of such family or
36 person exceed established limitations. For a family or person in
37 one of these coverage groups, medical expenses are deductible
38 from income in accordance with federal requirements in order to
39 make a determination of eligibility. Expenses used to meet
40 spend-down liability are not reimbursable by Medicaid. Effective
41 July ~~May~~ 1, 2003, when determining the eligibility of a pregnant
42 woman, a child, or an aged, blind, or disabled individual, \$270
43 shall be deducted from the countable income of the filing unit.
44 When determining the eligibility of the parent or caretaker
45 relative as defined by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, the
46 additional income disregard of \$270 does not apply. A family or
47 person eligible under the coverage known as the "medically
48 needy," is eligible to receive the same services as other
49 Medicaid recipients, with the exception of services in skilled
50 nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities for the
51 developmentally disabled.

52 Section 3. The nonrecurring sums of \$8,265,777 from the
53 General Revenue Fund, \$2,505,224 from the Grants and Donations
54 Trust Fund, and \$11,727,287 from the Medical Care Trust Fund are
55 appropriated to the Agency for Health Care Administration to
56 implement section 2 of this act during the 2002-2003 fiscal

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57 year. This section shall take effect upon this act becoming a
58 law and shall apply retroactively to May 1, 2003.

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60 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

61 On page 1, line(s) 6-8,

62 remove: all of said lines

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64 and insert: amending s. 409.904, F.S.; postponing the effective
65 date of changes to standards for eligibility for certain
66 optional medical assistance, including coverage under the
67 medically needy program; providing appropriations; providing for
68 retroactive applicability; amending s.