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Amendment No. \_\_\_\_ Barcode 661438

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Senators Peaden, Klein, Dawson and Margolis moved the following amendment:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 74, line 1, delete that line

and insert:

Section 34. Effective 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 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 qualify under s. 409.903(1), a person age 65 or over, or a

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

20           Section 35. The non-recurring sums of \$8,265,777 from  
21 the General Revenue Fund, \$2,505,224 from the Grants and  
22 Donations Trust Fund, and \$11,727,287 from the Medical Care  
23 Trust Fund are appropriated to the Agency for Health Care  
24 Administration to implement section 34 of this act during the  
25 2002-2003 fiscal year. This section takes effect May 1, 2003.

26           Section 36. Except as otherwise expressly provided,  
27 this act shall take effect July 1, 2003, but if it becomes a  
28 law after May 1, 2003, sections 34 and 35 of this act shall  
29 operate retroactively to that date.

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2 And the title is amended as follows:

3            On page 4, line 3, delete that line

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5 and 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; providing effective dates.

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