

By Senator Fasano

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to community care for the
elderly; amending s. 430.205, F.S.; providing
guidelines for prioritizing services; providing
an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 430.205, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:

430.205 Community care service system.--

(5) Any person who has been classified as a
functionally impaired elderly person is eligible to receive
community-care-for-the-elderly core services. Those elderly
persons who are determined by protective investigations to be
vulnerable adults in need of services, pursuant to s.
415.104(3)(b), or to be victims of abuse, neglect, or
exploitation who are in need of immediate services to prevent
further harm and are referred by the adult protective services
program, shall be given primary consideration for receiving
community-care-for-the-elderly services. As used in this
subsection, "primary consideration" means that an assessment
and services must commence within 72 hours after referral to
the department or as established in accordance with department
contracts by local protocols developed between department
service providers and the adult protective services program.
Another factor that must be considered in prioritizing these
services is the potential recipient's ability to pay. Those
who are less able must receive higher priority than those who
are better able to pay.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Provides that a factor in prioritizing services under the "Community Care for the Elderly Act" must be the potential recipient's ability to pay, and higher priority must go to those who are less able to pay.