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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 limitations; 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

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30 of a child enrolled in the Florida Kidcare program is eligible  
 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, 2004.