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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the Access to Health Care Act; amending s. 766.1115, F.S.; revising a definition of low-income person to expand a poverty level family income criterion; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section 766.1115, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

766.1115 Health care providers; creation of agency relationship with governmental contractors.--

(3) DEFINITIONS.--As used in this section, the term:

(e) "Low-income" means:

1. A person who is Medicaid-eligible under Florida law;

2. A person who is without health insurance and whose family income does not exceed 200 ~~150~~ percent of the federal poverty level as defined annually by the federal Office of Management and Budget; or

3. Any client of the department who voluntarily chooses to participate in a program offered or approved by the department and meets the program eligibility guidelines of the department.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.