

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to eligibility for Medicaid payments;  
 3           amending s. 409.903, F.S.; increasing the income level at  
 4           which a pregnant woman is eligible to receive Medicaid  
 5           services; providing an effective date.

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

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 9           Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 409.903, Florida  
 10          Statutes, is amended to read:

11           409.903   Mandatory payments for eligible persons.--The  
 12          agency shall make payments for medical assistance and related  
 13          services on behalf of the following persons who the department,  
 14          or the Social Security Administration by contract with the  
 15          Department of Children and Family Services, determines to be  
 16          eligible, subject to the income, assets, and categorical  
 17          eligibility tests set forth in federal and state law. Payment  
 18          on behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the  
 19          availability of moneys and any limitations established by the  
 20          General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

21           (5) A pregnant woman for the duration of her pregnancy and  
 22          for the postpartum period as defined in federal law and rule, or  
 23          a child under age 1, if either is living in a family that has an  
 24          income which is at or below 150 percent of the most current  
 25          federal poverty level, or, effective January 1, 1992, that has  
 26          an income which is at or below 185 percent of the most current  
 27          federal poverty level. Such a person is not subject to an assets  
 28          test. Further, a pregnant woman who applies for eligibility for

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29 | the Medicaid program through a qualified Medicaid provider must  
30 | be offered the opportunity, subject to federal rules, to be made  
31 | presumptively eligible for the Medicaid program. Effective July  
32 | 1, 2005, eligibility for Medicaid services is eliminated for  
33 | women who have incomes above 185 ~~150~~ percent of the most current  
34 | federal poverty level.

35 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.