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See HB 569

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the Florida KidCare program;

3 amending s. 409.8132, F.S.; providing for

4 year-round enrollment in the Medikids program

5 component of the Florida KidCare program;

6 amending s. 409.8134, F.S.; providing for

7 year-round enrollment in the Florida KidCare

8 program; providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 409.8132, Florida

13 Statutes, is amended to read:

14 409.8132 Medikids program component.--

15 (7) ENROLLMENT.--Enrollment in the Medikids program

16 component may ~~only~~ occur at any time throughout the year

17 ~~during periodic open enrollment periods as specified in s.~~

18 ~~409.8134.~~ A child may not receive services under the Medikids

19 program until the child is enrolled in a managed care plan or

20 MediPass. Once determined eligible, an applicant may receive

21 choice counseling and select a managed care plan or MediPass.

22 The agency may initiate mandatory assignment for a Medikids

23 applicant who has not chosen a managed care plan or MediPass

24 provider after the applicant's voluntary choice period ends.

25 An applicant may select MediPass under the Medikids program

26 component only in counties that have fewer than two managed

27 care plans available to serve Medicaid recipients and only if

28 the federal Health Care Financing Administration determines

29 that MediPass constitutes "health insurance coverage" as

30 defined in Title XXI of the Social Security Act.

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1 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 409.8134, Florida
2 Statutes, is amended to read:

3 409.8134 Program enrollment and expenditure
4 ceilings.--

5 (2) ~~Upon a unanimous recommendation by representatives~~
6 ~~from each of the four Florida KidCare administrators,~~ The
7 Florida KidCare program may conduct ~~an open~~ enrollment at any
8 time throughout the year ~~period~~ for the purpose of enrolling
9 children eligible for all program components listed in s.

10 409.813 except Medicaid. The four Florida KidCare
11 administrators shall work together to ensure that the
12 year-round ~~open~~ enrollment period is announced statewide by
13 January 1, 2006 ~~at least 1 month before the open enrollment is~~
14 ~~to begin~~. Eligible children shall be enrolled on a first-come,
15 first-served basis using the date the ~~open~~ enrollment
16 application is received. ~~The potential open enrollment periods~~
17 ~~shall be January 1st through January 30th and September 1st~~
18 ~~through September 30th. Open~~ Enrollment shall immediately
19 cease when the enrollment ceiling is reached. Year-round ~~An~~
20 ~~open~~ enrollment shall only be held if the Social Services
21 Estimating Conference determines that sufficient federal and
22 state funds will be available to finance the increased
23 enrollment through federal fiscal year 2007. Any individual
24 who is not enrolled, ~~including those added to the waiting list~~
25 ~~after March 11, 2004,~~ must reapply by submitting a new
26 application ~~during the next open enrollment period. However,~~
27 ~~the Children's Medical Services Network may annually enroll up~~
28 ~~to 120 additional children based on emergency disability~~
29 ~~criteria outside of the open enrollment periods, and the cost~~
30 ~~of serving these children must be managed within the KidCare~~
31 ~~program's appropriated or authorized levels of funding. Except~~

1 | for the Medicaid program, whenever the Social Services
2 | Estimating Conference determines that there are ~~is~~ presently,
3 | or will be by the end of the current fiscal year, insufficient
4 | funds to finance the current or projected enrollment in the
5 | Florida KidCare program, all additional enrollment must cease
6 | and additional enrollment may not resume until sufficient
7 | funds are available to finance such enrollment.

8 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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