

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STAFF ANALYSIS

BILL #: HB 1553 Medicaid
SPONSOR(S): Pickens and others
TIED BILLS: IDEN./SIM. BILLS: CS/SB 1994

Table with 4 columns: REFERENCE, ACTION, ANALYST, STAFF DIRECTOR. Row 1: Health Care General Committee, 9 Y, 0 N, Schiefelbein, Brown-Barrios.

SUMMARY ANALYSIS

Section 409.906, F. S., provides the framework for the Agency for Health Care Administration to provide optional Medicaid services. This bill amends subsection (23) of s. 409.906, F.S., relating to optional Medicaid services to restore the adult vision services in the Medicaid Program.

This bill provide for an effective date of July 1, 2005.

There is a \$2.4 million fiscal impact.

## FULL ANALYSIS

### I. SUBSTANTIVE ANALYSIS

#### A. HOUSE PRINCIPLES ANALYSIS:

Provide Limited Government - Increases optional Medicaid services.

#### B. EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES:

Section 409.906, F. S., provides the framework for the Agency for Health Care Administration to provide optional Medicaid services. This bill amends the optional Medicaid services to restore the adult vision services in the Medicaid Program. The effect of this bill will be to restore vision services to adult Medicaid recipients to approximately 675,000 recipients.

#### Background:

The Adult Dental, Visual and Hearing services program was eliminated, effective July 1, 2002, in the 2001 Special Session "C" (Chapter 2001-377, Laws of Florida). The 2002 Legislature restored the hearing and vision services with nonrecurring funds prior to the elimination of the services on July 1, 2002, and funded emergency dental services for adults. The 2003 Legislature did not restore the funding for the adult vision and hearing services so that they were eliminated effective July 1, 2003. Adult dental (dentures) services were restored effective January 1, 2005.

Florida's Medicaid Program currently provides, under optional Medicaid services, reimbursement for visual services rendered by licensed, Medicaid participating ophthalmologists, optometrists and opticians. Medicaid reimbursable services include visual examinations, refractions, eyeglasses and eyeglass repairs for children less than 21 years of age. Services for recipients age 21 and above are limited to prosthetic eyes and specialized contact lenses. There is a \$2 recipient co-payment for optometric services, per provider, per day, unless the recipient is exempt.

#### C. SECTION DIRECTORY:

Section 1. Amends s. 409.906(23), F.S., regarding optional Medicaid services to provide vision services to adults.

Section 1. Provides for an effective date of July 1, 2005.

### II. FISCAL ANALYSIS & ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

#### A. FISCAL IMPACT ON STATE GOVERNMENT:

##### 1. Revenues:

None

##### 2. Expenditures:

Medicaid Program

General Revenue Fund

Medical Care Trust Fund

Refugee Assistance Trust Fund

Medicaid Program Cost

FY 2005-06

2,399,934

3,437,897

190,394

\$6,028,225

FY 2006-07

2,519,931

3,609,792

199,914

\$6,329,637

B. FISCAL IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS:

1. Revenues:

None

2. Expenditures:

None

C. DIRECT ECONOMIC IMPACT ON PRIVATE SECTOR:

None

D. FISCAL COMMENTS:

Appropriations are not provided in this bill; however additional appropriations are needed in General Revenue, Medical Care Trust Fund, and Refugee Assistance Trust Fund.

**III. COMMENTS**

A. CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES:

1. Applicability of Municipality/County Mandates Provision:

This bill has no impact on municipalities and the counties under the requirements of Article VII, Section 18 of the Florida Constitution.

2. Other:

None

B. RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY:

None

C. DRAFTING ISSUES OR OTHER COMMENTS:

**IV. AMENDMENTS/COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE & COMBINED BILL CHANGES**