

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to Medicaid; amending s. 409.906, F.S.;  
3           authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to  
4           pay for certain visual services prescribed to Medicaid  
5           recipients regardless of age; 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 (23) of section 409.906, Florida  
10          Statutes, is amended to read:

11           409.906 Optional Medicaid services.--Subject to specific  
12          appropriations, the agency may make payments for services which  
13          are optional to the state under Title XIX of the Social Security  
14          Act and are furnished by Medicaid providers to recipients who  
15          are determined to be eligible on the dates on which the services  
16          were provided. Any optional service that is provided shall be  
17          provided only when medically necessary and in accordance with  
18          state and federal law. Optional services rendered by providers  
19          in mobile units to Medicaid recipients may be restricted or  
20          prohibited by the agency. Nothing in this section shall be  
21          construed to prevent or limit the agency from adjusting fees,  
22          reimbursement rates, lengths of stay, number of visits, or  
23          number of services, or making any other adjustments necessary to  
24          comply with the availability of moneys and any limitations or  
25          directions provided for in the General Appropriations Act or  
26          chapter 216. If necessary to safeguard the state's systems of  
27          providing services to elderly and disabled persons and subject  
28          to the notice and review provisions of s. 216.177, the Governor

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29 | may direct the Agency for Health Care Administration to amend  
30 | the Medicaid state plan to delete the optional Medicaid service  
31 | known as "Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally  
32 | Disabled." Optional services may include:

33 |       (23) ~~CHILDREN'S~~ VISUAL SERVICES.--The agency may pay for  
34 | visual examinations, eyeglasses, and eyeglass repairs for a  
35 | recipient ~~younger than 21 years of age~~, if they are prescribed  
36 | by a licensed physician specializing in diseases of the eye or  
37 | by a licensed optometrist.

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