

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 appropriation;
6 providing an effective date.

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

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10 Section 1. Subsection (23) of section 409.906, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

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

29 | to the notice and review provisions of s. 216.177, the Governor
30 | may direct the Agency for Health Care Administration to amend
31 | the Medicaid state plan to delete the optional Medicaid service
32 | known as "Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally
33 | Disabled." Optional services may include:

34 | (23) ~~CHILDREN'S~~ VISUAL SERVICES.--The agency may pay for
35 | visual examinations, eyeglasses, and eyeglass repairs for a
36 | recipient ~~younger than 21 years of age~~, if they are prescribed
37 | by a licensed physician specializing in diseases of the eye or
38 | by a licensed optometrist. Eyeglasses for adult recipients shall
39 | be limited to one pair every 2 years.

40 | Section 2. There are hereby appropriated the sums of
41 | \$3,038,915 from the General Revenue Fund, \$4,353,236 from the
42 | Medical Care Trust Fund, and \$241,802 from the Refugee
43 | Assistance Trust Fund to the Agency for Health Care
44 | Administration for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to provide adult
45 | vision services to Medicaid recipients.

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