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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to Medicaid; amending s.  
409.906, F.S.; authorizing the Agency for  
Health Care Administration to pay for certain  
visual services prescribed to Medicaid  
recipients regardless of age; providing an  
effective date.

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

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

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

1 | direct the Agency for Health Care Administration to amend the  
2 | Medicaid state plan to delete the optional Medicaid service  
3 | known as "Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally  
4 | Disabled." Optional services may include:

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

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

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