

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Medicaid; amending s. 641.2261, F.S.;
3 revising the applicability of solvency requirements to
4 include Medicaid provider service networks and updating a
5 reference; amending s. 409.911, F.S.; renaming the
6 Medicaid Disproportionate Share Council; providing for
7 appointment of council members; providing responsibilities
8 of the council; amending s. 409.912, F.S.; providing an
9 exception from certain contract procurement requirements
10 for specified Medicaid managed care pilot programs and
11 Medicaid health maintenance organizations; deleting the
12 competitive procurement requirement for provider service
13 networks; requiring provider service networks to comply
14 with the solvency requirements in s. 641.2261, F.S.;
15 updating a reference; amending s. 409.91211, F.S.;
16 providing for distribution of upper payment limit,
17 hospital disproportionate share program, and low income
18 pool funds; providing legislative intent with respect to
19 distribution of said funds; providing for implementation
20 of the powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Agency
21 for Health Care Administration with respect to the pilot
22 program; including the Division of Children's Medical
23 Services Network within the Department of Health in a list
24 of state-authorized pilot programs; requiring the agency
25 to develop a data reporting system; requiring the agency
26 to implement procedures to minimize fraud and abuse;
27 providing that certain Medicaid and Supplemental Security
28 Income recipients are exempt from s. 409.9122, F.S.;

29 | authorizing the agency to assign certain Medicaid
30 | recipients to reform plans; authorizing the agency to
31 | implement the provisions of the waiver approved by Centers
32 | for Medicare and Medicaid Services and requiring the
33 | agency to notify the Legislature prior to seeking federal
34 | approval of modifications to said terms and conditions;
35 | requiring an annual review by the Office of Insurance
36 | Regulation of the pilot program's rate setting
37 | methodology; requiring a report to the Legislature;
38 | defining the term "capitated managed care plan"; creating
39 | s. 409.91212, F.S.; authorizing the agency to expand the
40 | Medicaid reform demonstration program; providing readiness
41 | criteria; providing for public meetings; requiring notice
42 | of intent to expand the demonstration program; requiring
43 | the agency to request a hearing by the Joint Legislative
44 | Committee on Medicaid Reform Implementation; authorizing
45 | the agency to request certain budget transfers; amending
46 | s. 409.9122, F.S.; revising provisions relating to
47 | assignment of certain Medicaid recipients to managed care
48 | plans; requiring the agency to submit reports to the
49 | Legislature; specifying content of reports; creating s.
50 | 11.72, F.S.; creating the Joint Legislative Committee on
51 | Medicaid Reform Implementation; providing for membership,
52 | powers, and duties; providing for conflict between
53 | specified provisions of ch. 409, F.S., and requiring a
54 | report by the agency pertaining thereto; amending s.
55 | 216.346, F.S.; revising provisions relating to contracts

56 between state agencies; providing an appropriation;
 57 providing an effective date.

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

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 61 Section 1. Section 641.2261, Florida Statutes, is amended
 62 to read:

63 641.2261 Application of federal solvency requirements to
 64 provider-sponsored organizations and Medicaid provider service
 65 networks.--

66 (1) The solvency requirements of ss. 1855 and 1856 of the
 67 Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and 42 C.F.R. s. 422.350, subpart H,
 68 ~~rules adopted by the Secretary of the United States Department~~
 69 ~~of Health and Human Services~~ apply to a health maintenance
 70 organization that is a provider-sponsored organization rather
 71 than the solvency requirements of this part. However, if the
 72 provider-sponsored organization does not meet the solvency
 73 requirements of this part, the organization is limited to the
 74 issuance of Medicare+Choice plans to eligible individuals. For
 75 the purposes of this section, the terms "Medicare+Choice plans,"
 76 "provider-sponsored organizations," and "solvency requirements"
 77 have the same meaning as defined in the federal act and federal
 78 rules and regulations.

79 (2) The solvency requirements of 42 C.F.R. s. 422.350,
 80 subpart H, and the solvency requirements established in the
 81 approved federal waiver pursuant to chapter 409 apply to a
 82 Medicaid provider service network rather than the solvency
 83 requirements of this part.

84 Section 2. Subsection (9) of section 409.911, Florida
 85 Statutes, is amended to read:

86 409.911 Disproportionate share program.--Subject to
 87 specific allocations established within the General
 88 Appropriations Act and any limitations established pursuant to
 89 chapter 216, the agency shall distribute, pursuant to this
 90 section, moneys to hospitals providing a disproportionate share
 91 of Medicaid or charity care services by making quarterly
 92 Medicaid payments as required. Notwithstanding the provisions of
 93 s. 409.915, counties are exempt from contributing toward the
 94 cost of this special reimbursement for hospitals serving a
 95 disproportionate share of low-income patients.

96 (9) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall create
 97 a Medicaid Low Income Pool ~~Disproportionate Share~~ Council. The
 98 Low Income Pool Council shall consist of 17 members, including
 99 three representatives of statutory teaching hospitals, three
 100 representatives of public hospitals, three representatives of
 101 nonprofit hospitals, three representatives of for-profit
 102 hospitals, two representatives of rural hospitals, two
 103 representatives of units of local government which contribute
 104 funding, and one representative from the Department of Health.
 105 The council shall have the following responsibilities:

106 (a) Make recommendations on the financing of the upper
 107 payment limit program, the hospital disproportionate share
 108 program, or the low income pool as implemented by the agency
 109 pursuant to federal waiver and on the distribution of funds.

110 (b) Advise the agency on the development of the low income
 111 pool plan required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
 112 Services pursuant to the Medicaid reform waiver.

113 (c) Advise the agency on the distribution of hospital
 114 funds used to adjust inpatient hospital rates and rebase rates
 115 or otherwise exempt hospitals from reimbursement limits as
 116 financed by intergovernmental transfers.

117 ~~(a) The purpose of the council is to study and make~~
 118 ~~recommendations regarding:~~

119 ~~1. The formula for the regular disproportionate share~~
 120 ~~program and alternative financing options.~~

121 ~~2. Enhanced Medicaid funding through the Special Medicaid~~
 122 ~~Payment program.~~

123 ~~3. The federal status of the upper payment limit funding~~
 124 ~~option and how this option may be used to promote health care~~
 125 ~~initiatives determined by the council to be state health care~~
 126 ~~priorities.~~

127 ~~(b) The council shall include representatives of the~~
 128 ~~Executive Office of the Governor and of the agency;~~
 129 ~~representatives from teaching, public, private nonprofit,~~
 130 ~~private for-profit, and family practice teaching hospitals; and~~
 131 ~~representatives from other groups as needed.~~

132 (d)(c) ~~The council shall~~ Submit its findings and
 133 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature no later
 134 than February 1 of each year.

135 Section 3. Paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (4) of
 136 section 409.912, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

137 409.912 Cost-effective purchasing of health care.--The
 138 agency shall purchase goods and services for Medicaid recipients
 139 in the most cost-effective manner consistent with the delivery
 140 of quality medical care. To ensure that medical services are
 141 effectively utilized, the agency may, in any case, require a
 142 confirmation or second physician's opinion of the correct
 143 diagnosis for purposes of authorizing future services under the
 144 Medicaid program. This section does not restrict access to
 145 emergency services or poststabilization care services as defined
 146 in 42 C.F.R. part 438.114. Such confirmation or second opinion
 147 shall be rendered in a manner approved by the agency. The agency
 148 shall maximize the use of prepaid per capita and prepaid
 149 aggregate fixed-sum basis services when appropriate and other
 150 alternative service delivery and reimbursement methodologies,
 151 including competitive bidding pursuant to s. 287.057, designed
 152 to facilitate the cost-effective purchase of a case-managed
 153 continuum of care. The agency shall also require providers to
 154 minimize the exposure of recipients to the need for acute
 155 inpatient, custodial, and other institutional care and the
 156 inappropriate or unnecessary use of high-cost services. The
 157 agency shall contract with a vendor to monitor and evaluate the
 158 clinical practice patterns of providers in order to identify
 159 trends that are outside the normal practice patterns of a
 160 provider's professional peers or the national guidelines of a
 161 provider's professional association. The vendor must be able to
 162 provide information and counseling to a provider whose practice
 163 patterns are outside the norms, in consultation with the agency,
 164 to improve patient care and reduce inappropriate utilization.

165 The agency may mandate prior authorization, drug therapy
166 management, or disease management participation for certain
167 populations of Medicaid beneficiaries, certain drug classes, or
168 particular drugs to prevent fraud, abuse, overuse, and possible
169 dangerous drug interactions. The Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics
170 Committee shall make recommendations to the agency on drugs for
171 which prior authorization is required. The agency shall inform
172 the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee of its decisions
173 regarding drugs subject to prior authorization. The agency is
174 authorized to limit the entities it contracts with or enrolls as
175 Medicaid providers by developing a provider network through
176 provider credentialing. The agency may competitively bid single-
177 source-provider contracts if procurement of goods or services
178 results in demonstrated cost savings to the state without
179 limiting access to care. The agency may limit its network based
180 on the assessment of beneficiary access to care, provider
181 availability, provider quality standards, time and distance
182 standards for access to care, the cultural competence of the
183 provider network, demographic characteristics of Medicaid
184 beneficiaries, practice and provider-to-beneficiary standards,
185 appointment wait times, beneficiary use of services, provider
186 turnover, provider profiling, provider licensure history,
187 previous program integrity investigations and findings, peer
188 review, provider Medicaid policy and billing compliance records,
189 clinical and medical record audits, and other factors. Providers
190 shall not be entitled to enrollment in the Medicaid provider
191 network. The agency shall determine instances in which allowing
192 Medicaid beneficiaries to purchase durable medical equipment and

193 other goods is less expensive to the Medicaid program than long-
 194 term rental of the equipment or goods. The agency may establish
 195 rules to facilitate purchases in lieu of long-term rentals in
 196 order to protect against fraud and abuse in the Medicaid program
 197 as defined in s. 409.913. The agency may seek federal waivers
 198 necessary to administer these policies.

199 (4) The agency may contract with:

200 (b) An entity that is providing comprehensive behavioral
 201 health care services to certain Medicaid recipients through a
 202 capitated, prepaid arrangement pursuant to the federal waiver
 203 provided for by s. 409.905(5). Such an entity must be licensed
 204 under chapter 624, chapter 636, or chapter 641 and must possess
 205 the clinical systems and operational competence to manage risk
 206 and provide comprehensive behavioral health care to Medicaid
 207 recipients. As used in this paragraph, the term "comprehensive
 208 behavioral health care services" means covered mental health and
 209 substance abuse treatment services that are available to
 210 Medicaid recipients. The secretary of the Department of Children
 211 and Family Services shall approve provisions of procurements
 212 related to children in the department's care or custody prior to
 213 enrolling such children in a prepaid behavioral health plan. Any
 214 contract awarded under this paragraph must be competitively
 215 procured. In developing the behavioral health care prepaid plan
 216 procurement document, the agency shall ensure that the
 217 procurement document requires the contractor to develop and
 218 implement a plan to ensure compliance with s. 394.4574 related
 219 to services provided to residents of licensed assisted living
 220 facilities that hold a limited mental health license. Except as

221 provided in subparagraph 8. and except in counties where the
 222 Medicaid managed care pilot program is authorized under s.
 223 409.91211, the agency shall seek federal approval to contract
 224 with a single entity meeting these requirements to provide
 225 comprehensive behavioral health care services to all Medicaid
 226 recipients not enrolled in a Medicaid capitated managed care
 227 plan authorized under s. 409.91211 or a Medicaid health
 228 maintenance organization ~~plan~~ in an AHCA area. In an AHCA area
 229 where the Medicaid managed care pilot program is authorized
 230 under s. 409.91211 in one or more counties, the agency may
 231 procure a contract with a single entity to serve the remaining
 232 counties as an AHCA area or the remaining counties may be
 233 included with an adjacent AHCA area and shall be subject to this
 234 paragraph. Each entity must offer sufficient choice of providers
 235 in its network to ensure recipient access to care and the
 236 opportunity to select a provider with whom they are satisfied.
 237 The network shall include all public mental health hospitals. To
 238 ensure unimpaired access to behavioral health care services by
 239 Medicaid recipients, all contracts issued pursuant to this
 240 paragraph shall require 80 percent of the capitation paid to the
 241 managed care plan, including health maintenance organizations,
 242 to be expended for the provision of behavioral health care
 243 services. In the event the managed care plan expends less than
 244 80 percent of the capitation paid pursuant to this paragraph for
 245 the provision of behavioral health care services, the difference
 246 shall be returned to the agency. The agency shall provide the
 247 managed care plan with a certification letter indicating the
 248 amount of capitation paid during each calendar year for the

249 provision of behavioral health care services pursuant to this
 250 section. The agency may reimburse for substance abuse treatment
 251 services on a fee-for-service basis until the agency finds that
 252 adequate funds are available for capitated, prepaid
 253 arrangements.

254 1. By January 1, 2001, the agency shall modify the
 255 contracts with the entities providing comprehensive inpatient
 256 and outpatient mental health care services to Medicaid
 257 recipients in Hillsborough, Highlands, Hardee, Manatee, and Polk
 258 Counties, to include substance abuse treatment services.

259 2. By July 1, 2003, the agency and the Department of
 260 Children and Family Services shall execute a written agreement
 261 that requires collaboration and joint development of all policy,
 262 budgets, procurement documents, contracts, and monitoring plans
 263 that have an impact on the state and Medicaid community mental
 264 health and targeted case management programs.

265 3. Except as provided in subparagraph 8., by July 1, 2006,
 266 the agency and the Department of Children and Family Services
 267 shall contract with managed care entities in each AHCA area
 268 except area 6 or arrange to provide comprehensive inpatient and
 269 outpatient mental health and substance abuse services through
 270 capitated prepaid arrangements to all Medicaid recipients who
 271 are eligible to participate in such plans under federal law and
 272 regulation. In AHCA areas where eligible individuals number less
 273 than 150,000, the agency shall contract with a single managed
 274 care plan to provide comprehensive behavioral health services to
 275 all recipients who are not enrolled in a Medicaid health
 276 maintenance organization or a Medicaid capitated managed care

277 plan authorized under s. 409.91211. The agency may contract with
 278 more than one comprehensive behavioral health provider to
 279 provide care to recipients who are not enrolled in a Medicaid
 280 health maintenance organization or a Medicaid capitated managed
 281 care plan authorized under s. 409.91211 in AHCA areas where the
 282 eligible population exceeds 150,000. In an AHCA area where the
 283 Medicaid managed care pilot program is authorized under s.
 284 409.91211 in one or more counties, the agency may procure a
 285 contract with a single entity to serve the remaining counties as
 286 an AHCA area or the remaining counties may be included with an
 287 adjacent AHCA area and shall be subject to this paragraph.
 288 Contracts for comprehensive behavioral health providers awarded
 289 pursuant to this section shall be competitively procured. Both
 290 for-profit and not-for-profit corporations shall be eligible to
 291 compete. Managed care plans contracting with the agency under
 292 subsection (3) shall provide and receive payment for the same
 293 comprehensive behavioral health benefits as provided in AHCA
 294 rules, including handbooks incorporated by reference. In AHCA
 295 area 11, the agency shall contract with at least two
 296 comprehensive behavioral health care providers to provide
 297 behavioral health care to recipients in that area who are
 298 enrolled in, or assigned to, the MediPass program. One of the
 299 behavioral health care contracts shall be with the existing
 300 provider service network pilot project, as described in
 301 paragraph (d), for the purpose of demonstrating the cost-
 302 effectiveness of the provision of quality mental health services
 303 through a public hospital-operated managed care model. Payment
 304 shall be at an agreed-upon capitated rate to ensure cost

305 ~~savings. Of the recipients in area 11 who are assigned to~~
 306 ~~MediPass under the provisions of s. 409.9122(2)(k),~~ A minimum of
 307 50,000 ~~of these~~ MediPass-enrolled recipients shall be assigned
 308 to the existing provider service network in area 11 for their
 309 behavioral care.

310 4. By October 1, 2003, the agency and the department shall
 311 submit a plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
 312 the Speaker of the House of Representatives which provides for
 313 the full implementation of capitated prepaid behavioral health
 314 care in all areas of the state.

315 a. Implementation shall begin in 2003 in those AHCA areas
 316 of the state where the agency is able to establish sufficient
 317 capitation rates.

318 b. If the agency determines that the proposed capitation
 319 rate in any area is insufficient to provide appropriate
 320 services, the agency may adjust the capitation rate to ensure
 321 that care will be available. The agency and the department may
 322 use existing general revenue to address any additional required
 323 match but may not over-obligate existing funds on an annualized
 324 basis.

325 c. Subject to any limitations provided for in the General
 326 Appropriations Act, the agency, in compliance with appropriate
 327 federal authorization, shall develop policies and procedures
 328 that allow for certification of local and state funds.

329 5. Children residing in a statewide inpatient psychiatric
 330 program, or in a Department of Juvenile Justice or a Department
 331 of Children and Family Services residential program approved as
 332 a Medicaid behavioral health overlay services provider shall not

333 be included in a behavioral health care prepaid health plan or
 334 any other Medicaid managed care plan pursuant to this paragraph.

335 6. In converting to a prepaid system of delivery, the
 336 agency shall in its procurement document require an entity
 337 providing only comprehensive behavioral health care services to
 338 prevent the displacement of indigent care patients by enrollees
 339 in the Medicaid prepaid health plan providing behavioral health
 340 care services from facilities receiving state funding to provide
 341 indigent behavioral health care, to facilities licensed under
 342 chapter 395 which do not receive state funding for indigent
 343 behavioral health care, or reimburse the unsubsidized facility
 344 for the cost of behavioral health care provided to the displaced
 345 indigent care patient.

346 7. Traditional community mental health providers under
 347 contract with the Department of Children and Family Services
 348 pursuant to part IV of chapter 394, child welfare providers
 349 under contract with the Department of Children and Family
 350 Services in areas 1 and 6, and inpatient mental health providers
 351 licensed pursuant to chapter 395 must be offered an opportunity
 352 to accept or decline a contract to participate in any provider
 353 network for prepaid behavioral health services.

354 8. For fiscal year 2004-2005, all Medicaid eligible
 355 children, except children in areas 1 and 6, whose cases are open
 356 for child welfare services in the HomeSafeNet system, shall be
 357 enrolled in MediPass or in Medicaid fee-for-service and all
 358 their behavioral health care services including inpatient,
 359 outpatient psychiatric, community mental health, and case
 360 management shall be reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis.

361 Beginning July 1, 2005, such children, who are open for child
 362 welfare services in the HomeSafeNet system, shall receive their
 363 behavioral health care services through a specialty prepaid plan
 364 operated by community-based lead agencies either through a
 365 single agency or formal agreements among several agencies. The
 366 specialty prepaid plan must result in savings to the state
 367 comparable to savings achieved in other Medicaid managed care
 368 and prepaid programs. Such plan must provide mechanisms to
 369 maximize state and local revenues. The specialty prepaid plan
 370 shall be developed by the agency and the Department of Children
 371 and Family Services. The agency is authorized to seek any
 372 federal waivers to implement this initiative.

373 (d) A provider service network which may be reimbursed on
 374 a fee-for-service or prepaid basis. A provider service network
 375 which is reimbursed by the agency on a prepaid basis shall be
 376 exempt from parts I and III of chapter 641, but must comply with
 377 the solvency requirements in s. 641.2261(2) and meet appropriate
 378 financial reserve, quality assurance, and patient rights
 379 requirements as established by the agency. ~~The agency shall~~
 380 ~~award contracts on a competitive bid basis and shall select~~
 381 ~~bidders based upon price and quality of care.~~ Medicaid
 382 recipients assigned to a provider service network demonstration
 383 ~~project~~ shall be chosen equally from those who would otherwise
 384 have been assigned to prepaid plans and MediPass. The agency is
 385 authorized to seek federal Medicaid waivers as necessary to
 386 implement the provisions of this section. Any contract
 387 previously awarded to a provider service network operated by a
 388 hospital pursuant to this subsection shall remain in effect for

389 a period of 3 years following the current contract expiration
 390 date, regardless of any contractual provisions to the contrary.
 391 A provider service network is a network established or organized
 392 and operated by a health care provider, or group of affiliated
 393 health care providers, which provides a substantial proportion
 394 of the health care items and services under a contract directly
 395 through the provider or affiliated group of providers and may
 396 make arrangements with physicians or other health care
 397 professionals, health care institutions, or any combination of
 398 such individuals or institutions to assume all or part of the
 399 financial risk on a prospective basis for the provision of basic
 400 health services by the physicians, by other health
 401 professionals, or through the institutions. The health care
 402 providers must have a controlling interest in the governing body
 403 of the provider service network organization.

404 Section 4. Section 409.91211, Florida Statutes, is amended
 405 to read:

406 409.91211 Medicaid managed care pilot program.--

407 (1)(a) The agency is authorized to seek experimental,
 408 pilot, or demonstration project waivers, pursuant to s. 1115 of
 409 the Social Security Act, to create a statewide initiative to
 410 provide for a more efficient and effective service delivery
 411 system that enhances quality of care and client outcomes in the
 412 Florida Medicaid program pursuant to this section. Phase one of
 413 the demonstration shall be implemented in two geographic areas.
 414 One demonstration site shall include only Broward County. A
 415 second demonstration site shall initially include Duval County
 416 and shall be expanded to include Baker, Clay, and Nassau

417 Counties within 1 year after the Duval County program becomes
 418 operational. This waiver authority is contingent upon federal
 419 approval to preserve the upper-payment-limit funding mechanism
 420 for hospitals, including a guarantee of a reasonable growth
 421 factor, a methodology to allow the use of a portion of these
 422 funds to serve as a risk pool for demonstration sites,
 423 provisions to preserve the state's ability to use
 424 intergovernmental transfers, and provisions to protect the
 425 disproportionate share program authorized pursuant to this
 426 chapter. Under the upper payment limit program, the hospital
 427 disproportionate share program, or the low income pool as
 428 implemented by the agency pursuant to federal waiver, the state
 429 matching funds required for the program shall be provided by the
 430 state and by local governmental entities through
 431 intergovernmental transfers. The agency shall distribute funds
 432 from the upper payment limit program, the hospital
 433 disproportionate share program, and the low income pool
 434 according to federal regulations and waivers and the low income
 435 pool methodology approved by the Centers for Medicare and
 436 Medicaid Services. Upon completion of the evaluation conducted
 437 ~~under s. 3, ch. 2005-133, Laws of Florida, the agency may~~
 438 ~~request statewide expansion of the demonstration projects.~~
 439 ~~Statewide phase-in to additional counties shall be contingent~~
 440 ~~upon review and approval by the Legislature.~~

441 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the low
 442 income pool plan required by the terms and conditions of the
 443 Medicaid reform waiver and submitted to the Centers for Medicare

444 and Medicaid Services propose the distribution of the program
 445 funds in paragraph (a) based on the following objectives:

446 1. Ensure a broad and fair distribution of available funds
 447 based on the access provided by Medicaid participating
 448 hospitals, regardless of their ownership status, through their
 449 delivery of inpatient or outpatient care for Medicaid
 450 beneficiaries and uninsured and underinsured individuals.

451 2. Ensure accessible emergency inpatient and outpatient
 452 care for Medicaid beneficiaries and uninsured and underinsured
 453 individuals.

454 3. Enhance primary, preventive, and other ambulatory care
 455 coverages for uninsured individuals.

456 4. Promote teaching and specialty hospital programs.

457 5. Promote the stability and viability of statutorily
 458 defined rural hospitals and hospitals that serve as sole
 459 community hospitals.

460 6. Recognize the extent of hospital uncompensated care
 461 costs.

462 7. Maintain and enhance essential community hospital care.

463 8. Maintain incentives for local governmental entities to
 464 contribute to the cost of uncompensated care.

465 9. Promote measures to avoid preventable hospitalizations.

466 10. Account for hospital efficiency.

467 11. Contribute to a community's overall health system.

468 (2) The Legislature intends for the capitated managed care
 469 pilot program to:

470 (a) Provide recipients in Medicaid fee-for-service or the
 471 MediPass program a comprehensive and coordinated capitated

472 managed care system for all health care services specified in
 473 ss. 409.905 and 409.906.

474 (b) Stabilize Medicaid expenditures under the pilot
 475 program compared to Medicaid expenditures in the pilot area for
 476 the 3 years before implementation of the pilot program, while
 477 ensuring:

- 478 1. Consumer education and choice.
- 479 2. Access to medically necessary services.
- 480 3. Coordination of preventative, acute, and long-term
 481 care.
- 482 4. Reductions in unnecessary service utilization.

483 (c) Provide an opportunity to evaluate the feasibility of
 484 statewide implementation of capitated managed care networks as a
 485 replacement for the current Medicaid fee-for-service and
 486 MediPass systems.

487 (3) The agency shall have the following powers, duties,
 488 and responsibilities with respect to the ~~development of a~~ pilot
 489 program:

490 (a) To implement ~~develop and recommend~~ a system to deliver
 491 all mandatory services specified in s. 409.905 and optional
 492 services specified in s. 409.906, as approved by the Centers for
 493 Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Legislature in the waiver
 494 pursuant to this section. Services to recipients under plan
 495 benefits shall include emergency services provided under s.
 496 409.9128.

497 (b) To implement a pilot program that includes ~~recommend~~
 498 Medicaid eligibility categories, ~~from those~~ specified in ss.

499 409.903 and 409.904 as authorized in an approved federal waiver,
 500 ~~which shall be included in the pilot program.~~

501 (c) To implement ~~determine and recommend how to design~~ the
 502 managed care pilot program that maximizes ~~in order to take~~
 503 ~~maximum advantage of~~ all available state and federal funds,
 504 including those obtained through intergovernmental transfers,
 505 the low income pool, supplemental Medicaid payments ~~upper-~~
 506 ~~payment-level funding systems,~~ and the disproportionate share
 507 program. Within the parameters allowed by federal statute and
 508 rule, the agency is authorized to seek options for making direct
 509 payments to hospitals and physicians employed by or under
 510 contract with the state's medical schools for the costs
 511 associated with graduate medical education under Medicaid
 512 reform.

513 (d) To implement ~~determine and recommend~~ actuarially
 514 sound, risk-adjusted capitation rates for Medicaid recipients in
 515 the pilot program which ~~can be separated to~~ cover comprehensive
 516 care, enhanced services, and catastrophic care.

517 (e) To implement ~~determine and recommend~~ policies and
 518 guidelines for phasing in financial risk for approved provider
 519 service networks over a 3-year period. These policies and
 520 guidelines shall include an option for a provider service
 521 network to be paid to pay fee-for-service rates. For any
 522 provider service network established in a managed care pilot
 523 area, the option to be paid fee-for-service rates shall include
 524 a savings-settlement mechanism that is consistent with s.
 525 409.912(44) ~~that may include a savings-settlement option for at~~
 526 ~~least 2 years.~~ This model shall ~~may~~ be converted to a risk-

527 | adjusted capitated rate no later than the beginning of the
 528 | fourth in the third year of operation and may be converted
 529 | earlier at the option of the provider service network. Federally
 530 | qualified health centers may be offered an opportunity to accept
 531 | or decline a contract to participate in any provider network for
 532 | prepaid primary care services.

533 | (f) To implement ~~determine and recommend~~ provisions
 534 | ~~related to~~ stop-loss requirements and the transfer of excess
 535 | cost to catastrophic coverage that accommodates the risks
 536 | associated with the development of the pilot program.

537 | (g) To ~~determine and~~ recommend a process to be used by the
 538 | Social Services Estimating Conference to determine and validate
 539 | the rate of growth of the per-member costs of providing Medicaid
 540 | services under the managed care pilot program.

541 | (h) To implement ~~determine and recommend~~ program standards
 542 | and credentialing requirements for capitated managed care
 543 | networks to participate in the pilot program, including those
 544 | related to fiscal solvency, quality of care, and adequacy of
 545 | access to health care providers. It is the intent of the
 546 | Legislature that, to the extent possible, any pilot program
 547 | authorized by the state under this section include any federally
 548 | qualified health center, any federally qualified rural health
 549 | clinic, county health department, the Division of Children's
 550 | Medical Services Network within the Department of Health, or any
 551 | other federally, state, or locally funded entity that serves the
 552 | geographic areas within the boundaries of the pilot program that
 553 | requests to participate. This paragraph does not relieve an
 554 | entity that qualifies as a capitated managed care network under

555 | this section from any other licensure or regulatory requirements
 556 | contained in state or federal law which would otherwise apply to
 557 | the entity. The standards and credentialing requirements shall
 558 | be based upon, but are not limited to:

559 | 1. Compliance with the accreditation requirements as
 560 | provided in s. 641.512.

561 | 2. Compliance with early and periodic screening,
 562 | diagnosis, and treatment screening requirements under federal
 563 | law.

564 | 3. The percentage of voluntary disenrollments.

565 | 4. Immunization rates.

566 | 5. Standards of the National Committee for Quality
 567 | Assurance and other approved accrediting bodies.

568 | 6. Recommendations of other authoritative bodies.

569 | 7. Specific requirements of the Medicaid program, or
 570 | standards designed to specifically meet the unique needs of
 571 | Medicaid recipients.

572 | 8. Compliance with the health quality improvement system
 573 | as established by the agency, which incorporates standards and
 574 | guidelines developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
 575 | Services as part of the quality assurance reform initiative.

576 | 9. The network's infrastructure capacity to manage
 577 | financial transactions, recordkeeping, data collection, and
 578 | other administrative functions.

579 | 10. The network's ability to submit any financial,
 580 | programmatic, or patient-encounter data or other information
 581 | required by the agency to determine the actual services provided
 582 | and the cost of administering the plan.

583 (i) To implement ~~develop and recommend~~ a mechanism for
 584 providing information to Medicaid recipients for the purpose of
 585 selecting a capitated managed care plan. For each plan available
 586 to a recipient, the agency, at a minimum, shall ensure that the
 587 recipient is provided with:

- 588 1. A list and description of the benefits provided.
- 589 2. Information about cost sharing.
- 590 3. Plan performance data, if available.
- 591 4. An explanation of benefit limitations.
- 592 5. Contact information, including identification of
 593 providers participating in the network, geographic locations,
 594 and transportation limitations.
- 595 6. Any other information the agency determines would
 596 facilitate a recipient's understanding of the plan or insurance
 597 that would best meet his or her needs.

598 (j) To implement ~~develop and recommend~~ a system to ensure
 599 that there is a record of recipient acknowledgment that choice
 600 counseling has been provided.

601 (k) To implement ~~develop and recommend~~ a choice counseling
 602 system to ensure that the choice counseling process and related
 603 material are designed to provide counseling through face-to-face
 604 interaction, by telephone, and in writing and through other
 605 forms of relevant media. Materials shall be written at the
 606 fourth-grade reading level and available in a language other
 607 than English when 5 percent of the county speaks a language
 608 other than English. Choice counseling shall also use language
 609 lines and other services for impaired recipients, such as
 610 TTD/TTY.

611 (1) To implement ~~develop and recommend~~ a system that
 612 prohibits capitated managed care plans, their representatives,
 613 and providers employed by or contracted with the capitated
 614 managed care plans from recruiting persons eligible for or
 615 enrolled in Medicaid, from providing inducements to Medicaid
 616 recipients to select a particular capitated managed care plan,
 617 and from prejudicing Medicaid recipients against other capitated
 618 managed care plans. The system shall require the entity
 619 performing choice counseling to determine if the recipient has
 620 made a choice of a plan or has opted out because of duress,
 621 threats, payment to the recipient, or incentives promised to the
 622 recipient by a third party. If the choice counseling entity
 623 determines that the decision to choose a plan was unlawfully
 624 influenced or a plan violated any of the provisions of s.
 625 409.912(21), the choice counseling entity shall immediately
 626 report the violation to the agency's program integrity section
 627 for investigation. Verification of choice counseling by the
 628 recipient shall include a stipulation that the recipient
 629 acknowledges the provisions of this subsection.

630 (m) To implement ~~develop and recommend~~ a choice counseling
 631 system that promotes health literacy and provides information
 632 aimed to reduce minority health disparities through outreach
 633 activities for Medicaid recipients.

634 (n) To ~~develop and recommend a system for the agency to~~
 635 contract with entities to perform choice counseling. The agency
 636 may establish standards and performance contracts, including
 637 standards requiring the contractor to hire choice counselors who
 638 are representative of the state's diverse population and to

639 train choice counselors in working with culturally diverse
 640 populations.

641 (o) To implement ~~determine and recommend descriptions of~~
 642 ~~the~~ eligibility assignment processes ~~which will be used to~~
 643 facilitate client choice while ensuring pilot programs of
 644 adequate enrollment levels. These processes shall ensure that
 645 pilot sites have sufficient levels of enrollment to conduct a
 646 valid test of the managed care pilot program within a 2-year
 647 timeframe.

648 (p) To implement standards for plan compliance, including,
 649 but not limited to, quality assurance and performance
 650 improvement standards, peer or professional review standards,
 651 grievance policies, and program integrity policies.

652 (q) To develop a data reporting system, seek input from
 653 managed care plans to establish patient-encounter reporting
 654 requirements, and ensure that the data reported is accurate and
 655 complete.

656 (r) To work with managed care plans to establish a uniform
 657 system to measure and monitor outcomes of a recipient of
 658 Medicaid services which shall use financial, clinical, and other
 659 criteria based on pharmacy services, medical services, and other
 660 data related to the provision of Medicaid services, including,
 661 but not limited to:

- 662 1. Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS)
- 663 or HEDIS measures specific to Medicaid.
- 664 2. Member satisfaction.
- 665 3. Provider satisfaction.
- 666 4. Report cards on plan performance and best practices.

667 5. Compliance with the prompt payment of claims
 668 requirements provided in ss. 627.613, 641.3155, and 641.513.

669 (s) To require managed care plans that have contracted
 670 with the agency to establish a quality assurance system that
 671 incorporates the provisions of s. 409.912(27) and any standards,
 672 rules, and guidelines developed by the agency.

673 (t) To establish a patient-encounter database to compile
 674 data on health care services rendered by health care
 675 practitioners that provide services to patients enrolled in
 676 managed care plans in the demonstration sites. Health care
 677 practitioners and facilities in the demonstration sites shall
 678 submit, and managed care plans participating in the
 679 demonstration sites shall receive, claims payment and any other
 680 information reasonably related to the patient-encounter database
 681 electronically in a standard format as required by the agency.
 682 The agency shall establish reasonable deadlines for phasing in
 683 the electronic transmittal of full-encounter data. The patient-
 684 encounter database shall:

685 1. Collect the following information, if applicable, for
 686 each type of patient encounter with a health care practitioner
 687 or facility, including:

- 688 a. The demographic characteristics of the patient.
- 689 b. The principal, secondary, and tertiary diagnosis.
- 690 c. The procedure performed.
- 691 d. The date when and the location where the procedure was
 692 performed.
- 693 e. The amount of the payment for the procedure.

694 f. The health care practitioner's universal identification
 695 number.

696 g. If the health care practitioner rendering the service
 697 is a dependent practitioner, the modifiers appropriate to
 698 indicate that the service was delivered by the dependent
 699 practitioner.

700 2. Collect appropriate information relating to
 701 prescription drugs for each type of patient encounter.

702 3. Collect appropriate information related to health care
 703 costs and utilization from managed care plans participating in
 704 the demonstration sites. To the extent practicable, the agency
 705 shall utilize a standardized claim form or electronic transfer
 706 system that is used by health care practitioners, facilities,
 707 and payors. ~~To develop and recommend a system to monitor the~~
 708 ~~provision of health care services in the pilot program,~~
 709 ~~including utilization and quality of health care services for~~
 710 ~~the purpose of ensuring access to medically necessary services.~~
 711 ~~This system shall include an encounter data information system~~
 712 ~~that collects and reports utilization information. The system~~
 713 ~~shall include a method for verifying data integrity within the~~
 714 ~~database and within the provider's medical records.~~

715 (u)(q) To implement ~~recommend~~ a grievance resolution
 716 process for Medicaid recipients enrolled in a capitated managed
 717 care network under the pilot program modeled after the
 718 subscriber assistance panel, as created in s. 408.7056. This
 719 process shall include a mechanism for an expedited review of no
 720 greater than 24 hours after notification of a grievance if the

721 life of a Medicaid recipient is in imminent and emergent
722 jeopardy.

723 (v)~~(r)~~ To implement ~~recommend~~ a grievance resolution
724 process for health care providers employed by or contracted with
725 a capitated managed care network under the pilot program in
726 order to settle disputes among the provider and the managed care
727 network or the provider and the agency.

728 (w)~~(s)~~ To implement ~~develop and recommend~~ criteria in an
729 approved federal waiver to designate health care providers as
730 eligible to participate in the pilot program. ~~The agency and~~
731 ~~capitated managed care networks must follow national guidelines~~
732 ~~for selecting health care providers, whenever available.~~ These
733 criteria must include at a minimum those criteria specified in
734 s. 409.907.

735 (x)~~(t)~~ To use ~~develop and recommend~~ health care provider
736 agreements for participation in the pilot program.

737 (y)~~(u)~~ To require that all health care providers under
738 contract with the pilot program be duly licensed in the state,
739 if such licensure is available, and meet other criteria as may
740 be established by the agency. These criteria shall include at a
741 minimum those criteria specified in s. 409.907.

742 (z)~~(v)~~ To ensure that managed care organizations work
743 collaboratively ~~develop and recommend agreements~~ with other
744 state or local governmental programs or institutions for the
745 coordination of health care to eligible individuals receiving
746 services from such programs or institutions.

747 (aa)~~(w)~~ To implement procedures to minimize the risk of
 748 Medicaid fraud and abuse in all plans operating in the Medicaid
 749 managed care pilot program authorized in this section:

750 1. The agency shall ensure that applicable provisions of
 751 chapters 409, 414, 626, 641, and 932, relating to Medicaid fraud
 752 and abuse, are applied and enforced at the demonstration sites.

753 2. Providers shall have the necessary certification,
 754 license, and credentials required by law and federal waiver.

755 3. The agency shall ensure that the plan is in compliance
 756 with the provisions of s. 409.912(21) and (22).

757 4. The agency shall require each plan to establish program
 758 integrity functions and activities to reduce the incidence of
 759 fraud and abuse. Plans must report instances of fraud and abuse
 760 pursuant to chapter 641.

761 5. The plan shall have written administrative and
 762 management procedures, including a mandatory compliance plan,
 763 that are designed to guard against fraud and abuse. The plan
 764 shall designate a compliance officer with sufficient experience
 765 in health care.

766 6.a. The agency shall require all managed care plan
 767 contractors in the pilot program to report all instances of
 768 suspected fraud and abuse. A failure to report instances of
 769 suspected fraud and abuse is a violation of law and subject to
 770 the penalties provided by law.

771 b. An instance of fraud and abuse in the managed care
 772 plan, including, but not limited to, defrauding the state health
 773 care benefit program by misrepresentation of fact in reports,
 774 claims, certifications, enrollment claims, demographic

775 statistics, and patient-encounter data; misrepresentation of the
 776 qualifications of persons rendering health care and ancillary
 777 services; bribery and false statements relating to the delivery
 778 of health care; unfair and deceptive marketing practices; and
 779 managed care false claims actions, is a violation of law and
 780 subject to the penalties provided by law.

781 c. The agency shall require all contractors to make all
 782 files and relevant billing and claims data accessible to state
 783 regulators and investigators and all such data shall be linked
 784 into a unified system for seamless reviews and investigations.
 785 ~~To develop and recommend a system to oversee the activities of~~
 786 ~~pilot program participants, health care providers, capitated~~
 787 ~~managed care networks, and their representatives in order to~~
 788 ~~prevent fraud or abuse, overutilization or duplicative~~
 789 ~~utilization, underutilization or inappropriate denial of~~
 790 ~~services, and neglect of participants and to recover~~
 791 ~~overpayments as appropriate. For the purposes of this paragraph,~~
 792 ~~the terms "abuse" and "fraud" have the meanings as provided in~~
 793 ~~s. 409.913. The agency must refer incidents of suspected fraud,~~
 794 ~~abuse, overutilization and duplicative utilization, and~~
 795 ~~underutilization or inappropriate denial of services to the~~
 796 ~~appropriate regulatory agency.~~

797 (bb)(*) To develop and provide actuarial and benefit
 798 design analyses that indicate the effect on capitation rates and
 799 benefits offered in the pilot program over a prospective 5-year
 800 period based on the following assumptions:

- 801 1. Growth in capitation rates which is limited to the
- 802 estimated growth rate in general revenue.

803 2. Growth in capitation rates which is limited to the
 804 average growth rate over the last 3 years in per-recipient
 805 Medicaid expenditures.

806 3. Growth in capitation rates which is limited to the
 807 growth rate of aggregate Medicaid expenditures between the 2003-
 808 2004 fiscal year and the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

809 ~~(cc)(y)~~ To develop a mechanism to require capitated
 810 managed care plans to reimburse qualified emergency service
 811 providers, including, but not limited to, ambulance services, in
 812 accordance with ss. 409.908 and 409.9128. The pilot program must
 813 include a provision for continuing fee-for-service payments for
 814 emergency services, including, but not limited to, individuals
 815 who access ambulance services or emergency departments and who
 816 are subsequently determined to be eligible for Medicaid
 817 services.

818 ~~(dd)(z)~~ To ensure ~~develop a system whereby~~ school
 819 districts participating in the certified school match program
 820 pursuant to ss. 409.908(21) and 1011.70 shall be reimbursed by
 821 Medicaid, subject to the limitations of s. 1011.70(1), for a
 822 Medicaid-eligible child participating in the services as
 823 authorized in s. 1011.70, as provided for in s. 409.9071,
 824 regardless of whether the child is enrolled in a capitated
 825 managed care network. Capitated managed care networks must make
 826 a good faith effort to execute agreements with school districts
 827 regarding the coordinated provision of services authorized under
 828 s. 1011.70. County health departments delivering school-based
 829 services pursuant to ss. 381.0056 and 381.0057 must be
 830 reimbursed by Medicaid for the federal share for a Medicaid-

831 eligible child who receives Medicaid-covered services in a
 832 school setting, regardless of whether the child is enrolled in a
 833 capitated managed care network. Capitated managed care networks
 834 must make a good faith effort to execute agreements with county
 835 health departments regarding the coordinated provision of
 836 services to a Medicaid-eligible child. To ensure continuity of
 837 care for Medicaid patients, the agency, the Department of
 838 Health, and the Department of Education shall develop procedures
 839 for ensuring that a student's capitated managed care network
 840 provider receives information relating to services provided in
 841 accordance with ss. 381.0056, 381.0057, 409.9071, and 1011.70.

842 ~~(ee)(aa)~~ To implement ~~develop and recommend~~ a mechanism
 843 whereby Medicaid recipients who are already enrolled in a
 844 managed care plan or the MediPass program in the pilot areas
 845 shall be offered the opportunity to change to capitated managed
 846 care plans on a staggered basis, as defined by the agency. All
 847 Medicaid recipients shall have 30 days in which to make a choice
 848 of capitated managed care plans. Those Medicaid recipients who
 849 do not make a choice shall be assigned to a capitated managed
 850 care plan in accordance with paragraph (4)(a) and shall be
 851 exempt from s. 409.9122. To facilitate continuity of care for a
 852 Medicaid recipient who is also a recipient of Supplemental
 853 Security Income (SSI), prior to assigning the SSI recipient to a
 854 capitated managed care plan, the agency shall determine whether
 855 the SSI recipient has an ongoing relationship with a provider or
 856 capitated managed care plan, and, if so, the agency shall assign
 857 the SSI recipient to that provider or capitated managed care
 858 plan where feasible. Those SSI recipients who do not have such a

859 provider relationship shall be assigned to a capitated managed
 860 care plan provider in accordance with paragraph (4)(a) and shall
 861 be exempt from s. 409.9122.

862 (ff)~~(bb)~~ To develop and recommend a service delivery
 863 alternative for children having chronic medical conditions which
 864 establishes a medical home project to provide primary care
 865 services to this population. The project shall provide
 866 community-based primary care services that are integrated with
 867 other subspecialties to meet the medical, developmental, and
 868 emotional needs for children and their families. This project
 869 shall include an evaluation component to determine impacts on
 870 hospitalizations, length of stays, emergency room visits, costs,
 871 and access to care, including specialty care and patient and
 872 family satisfaction.

873 (gg)~~(ee)~~ To develop and recommend service delivery
 874 mechanisms within capitated managed care plans to provide
 875 Medicaid services as specified in ss. 409.905 and 409.906 to
 876 persons with developmental disabilities sufficient to meet the
 877 medical, developmental, and emotional needs of these persons.

878 (hh)~~(dd)~~ To develop and recommend service delivery
 879 mechanisms within capitated managed care plans to provide
 880 Medicaid services as specified in ss. 409.905 and 409.906 to
 881 Medicaid-eligible children in foster care. These services must
 882 be coordinated with community-based care providers as specified
 883 in s. 409.1675, where available, and be sufficient to meet the
 884 medical, developmental, and emotional needs of these children.

885 (4)(a) A Medicaid recipient in the pilot area who is not
 886 currently enrolled in a capitated managed care plan upon

887 implementation is not eligible for services as specified in ss.
 888 409.905 and 409.906, for the amount of time that the recipient
 889 does not enroll in a capitated managed care network. If a
 890 Medicaid recipient has not enrolled in a capitated managed care
 891 plan within 30 days after eligibility, the agency shall assign
 892 the Medicaid recipient to a capitated managed care plan based on
 893 the assessed needs of the recipient as determined by the agency
 894 and shall be exempt from s. 409.9122. When making assignments,
 895 the agency shall take into account the following criteria:

896 1. A capitated managed care network has sufficient network
 897 capacity to meet the needs of members.

898 2. The capitated managed care network has previously
 899 enrolled the recipient as a member, or one of the capitated
 900 managed care network's primary care providers has previously
 901 provided health care to the recipient.

902 3. The agency has knowledge that the member has previously
 903 expressed a preference for a particular capitated managed care
 904 network as indicated by Medicaid fee-for-service claims data,
 905 but has failed to make a choice.

906 4. The capitated managed care network's primary care
 907 providers are geographically accessible to the recipient's
 908 residence.

909 (b) When more than one capitated managed care network
 910 provider meets the criteria specified in paragraph (3)(h), the
 911 agency shall make recipient assignments consecutively by family
 912 unit.

913 (c) If a recipient is currently enrolled with a Medicaid
 914 managed care organization that also operates an approved reform

915 plan within a pilot area and the recipient fails to choose a
 916 plan during the reform enrollment process or during
 917 redetermination of eligibility, the recipient shall be
 918 automatically assigned by the agency into the most appropriate
 919 reform plan operated by the recipient's current Medicaid managed
 920 care organization. If the recipient's current managed care
 921 organization does not operate a reform plan in the pilot area
 922 that adequately meets the needs of the Medicaid recipient, the
 923 agency shall use the auto assignment process as prescribed in
 924 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Special Terms and
 925 Conditions number 11-W-00206/4. All agency enrollment and choice
 926 counseling materials shall communicate the provisions of this
 927 paragraph to current managed care recipients.

928 (d)~~(e)~~ The agency may not engage in practices that are
 929 designed to favor one capitated managed care plan over another
 930 or that are designed to influence Medicaid recipients to enroll
 931 in a particular capitated managed care network in order to
 932 strengthen its particular fiscal viability.

933 (e)~~(d)~~ After a recipient has made a selection or has been
 934 enrolled in a capitated managed care network, the recipient
 935 shall have 90 days in which to voluntarily disenroll and select
 936 another capitated managed care network. After 90 days, no
 937 further changes may be made except for cause. Cause shall
 938 include, but not be limited to, poor quality of care, lack of
 939 access to necessary specialty services, an unreasonable delay or
 940 denial of service, inordinate or inappropriate changes of
 941 primary care providers, service access impairments due to
 942 significant changes in the geographic location of services, or

943 fraudulent enrollment. The agency may require a recipient to use
 944 the capitated managed care network's grievance process as
 945 specified in paragraph (3)(g) prior to the agency's
 946 determination of cause, except in cases in which immediate risk
 947 of permanent damage to the recipient's health is alleged. The
 948 grievance process, when used, must be completed in time to
 949 permit the recipient to disenroll no later than the first day of
 950 the second month after the month the disenrollment request was
 951 made. If the capitated managed care network, as a result of the
 952 grievance process, approves an enrollee's request to disenroll,
 953 the agency is not required to make a determination in the case.
 954 The agency must make a determination and take final action on a
 955 recipient's request so that disenrollment occurs no later than
 956 the first day of the second month after the month the request
 957 was made. If the agency fails to act within the specified
 958 timeframe, the recipient's request to disenroll is deemed to be
 959 approved as of the date agency action was required. Recipients
 960 who disagree with the agency's finding that cause does not exist
 961 for disenrollment shall be advised of their right to pursue a
 962 Medicaid fair hearing to dispute the agency's finding.

963 (f)~~(e)~~ The agency shall apply for federal waivers from the
 964 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to lock eligible
 965 Medicaid recipients into a capitated managed care network for 12
 966 months after an open enrollment period. After 12 months of
 967 enrollment, a recipient may select another capitated managed
 968 care network. However, nothing shall prevent a Medicaid
 969 recipient from changing primary care providers within the
 970 capitated managed care network during the 12-month period.

971 (g)~~(f)~~ The agency shall apply for federal waivers from the
 972 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to allow recipients
 973 to purchase health care coverage through an employer-sponsored
 974 health insurance plan instead of through a Medicaid-certified
 975 plan. This provision shall be known as the opt-out option.

976 1. A recipient who chooses the Medicaid opt-out option
 977 shall have an opportunity for a specified period of time, as
 978 authorized under a waiver granted by the Centers for Medicare
 979 and Medicaid Services, to select and enroll in a Medicaid-
 980 certified plan. If the recipient remains in the employer-
 981 sponsored plan after the specified period, the recipient shall
 982 remain in the opt-out program for at least 1 year or until the
 983 recipient no longer has access to employer-sponsored coverage,
 984 until the employer's open enrollment period for a person who
 985 opts out in order to participate in employer-sponsored coverage,
 986 or until the person is no longer eligible for Medicaid,
 987 whichever time period is shorter.

988 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section,
 989 coverage, cost sharing, and any other component of employer-
 990 sponsored health insurance shall be governed by applicable state
 991 and federal laws.

992 ~~(5) This section does not authorize the agency to
 993 implement any provision of s. 1115 of the Social Security Act
 994 experimental, pilot, or demonstration project waiver to reform
 995 the state Medicaid program in any part of the state other than
 996 the two geographic areas specified in this section unless
 997 approved by the Legislature.~~

998 ~~(5)(6)~~ The agency shall develop and submit for approval
 999 applications for waivers of applicable federal laws and
 1000 regulations as necessary to implement the managed care pilot
 1001 project as defined in this section. The agency shall post all
 1002 waiver applications under this section on its Internet website
 1003 30 days before submitting the applications to the United States
 1004 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. All waiver
 1005 applications shall be provided for review and comment to the
 1006 appropriate committees of the Senate and House of
 1007 Representatives for at least 10 working days prior to
 1008 submission. All waivers submitted to and approved by the United
 1009 States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under this
 1010 section must be approved by the Legislature. Federally approved
 1011 waivers must be submitted to the President of the Senate and the
 1012 Speaker of the House of Representatives for referral to the
 1013 appropriate legislative committees. The appropriate committees
 1014 shall recommend whether to approve the implementation of any
 1015 waivers to the Legislature as a whole. The agency shall submit a
 1016 plan containing a recommended timeline for implementation of any
 1017 waivers and budgetary projections of the effect of the pilot
 1018 program under this section on the total Medicaid budget for the
 1019 2006-2007 through 2009-2010 state fiscal years. This
 1020 implementation plan shall be submitted to the President of the
 1021 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives at the
 1022 same time any waivers are submitted for consideration by the
 1023 Legislature. The agency is authorized to implement the waiver
 1024 and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Special Terms and
 1025 Conditions number 11-W-00206/4. If the agency seeks approval by

1026 the Federal Government of any modifications to these special
 1027 terms and conditions, the agency shall provide written
 1028 notification of its intent to modify these terms and conditions
 1029 to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of
 1030 Representatives at least 15 days prior to submitting the
 1031 modifications to the Federal Government for consideration. The
 1032 notification shall identify all modifications being pursued and
 1033 the reason they are needed. Upon receiving federal approval of
 1034 any modifications to the special terms and conditions, the
 1035 agency shall report to the Legislature describing the federally
 1036 approved modifications to the special terms and conditions
 1037 within 7 days after their approval by the Federal Government.

1038 (6)(7) Upon review and approval of the applications for
 1039 waivers of applicable federal laws and regulations to implement
 1040 the managed care pilot program by the Legislature, the agency
 1041 may initiate adoption of rules pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and
 1042 120.54 to implement and administer the managed care pilot
 1043 program as provided in this section.

1044 (7) The Office of Insurance Regulation shall conduct an
 1045 annual review of the Medicaid managed care pilot program's risk-
 1046 adjusted rate setting methodology as developed by the agency.
 1047 The Office of Insurance Regulation shall contract with an
 1048 independent actuary firm to assist in the annual review and to
 1049 provide technical expertise.

1050 (a) After reviewing the actuarial analysis provided by the
 1051 agency, the Office of Insurance Regulation shall make advisory
 1052 recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature regarding:

1053 1. The methodology adopted by the agency for risk-adjusted
 1054 rates.

1055 2. Alternative rate options based on the agency's
 1056 methodology.

1057 3. The risk-adjusted rate for each Medicaid eligibility
 1058 category in the demonstration program.

1059 4. Administrative and implementation issues regarding the
 1060 use of risk-adjusted rates, including, but not limited to, cost,
 1061 simplicity, client privacy, data accuracy, and data exchange.

1062 (b) For each annual review, the Office of Insurance
 1063 Regulation shall solicit input concerning the agency's rate
 1064 setting methodology from the Florida Association of Health
 1065 Plans, the Florida Hospital Association, the Florida Medical
 1066 Association, Medicaid recipient advocacy groups, and other
 1067 stakeholder representatives as necessary to obtain a broad
 1068 representation of perspectives on the effects of the agency's
 1069 adopted rate setting methodology and recommendations on possible
 1070 modifications to the methodology.

1071 (c) The Office of Insurance Regulation shall submit its
 1072 findings and advisory recommendations to the Governor and the
 1073 Legislature no later than February 1 of each year for
 1074 consideration by the Legislature for inclusion in the General
 1075 Appropriations Act.

1076 (8) For purposes of this section, the term "capitated
 1077 managed care plan" includes health insurers authorized under
 1078 chapter 624, exclusive provider organizations authorized under
 1079 chapter 627, health maintenance organizations authorized under
 1080 chapter 641, and provider service networks that elect to be paid

1081 fee-for-service for up to 3 years as authorized under this
 1082 section.

1083 Section 5. Section 409.91212, Florida Statutes, is created
 1084 to read:

1085 409.91212 Medicaid reform demonstration program
 1086 expansion.--

1087 (1) The agency may expand the Medicaid reform
 1088 demonstration program pursuant to s. 409.91211 into any county
 1089 of the state beginning in year two of the demonstration program
 1090 if readiness criteria are met, the Joint Legislative Committee
 1091 on Medicaid Reform Implementation has submitted a recommendation
 1092 pursuant to s. 11.72 regarding the extent to which the criteria
 1093 have been met, and the agency has secured budget approval from
 1094 the Legislative Budget Commission pursuant to s. 11.90. For the
 1095 purpose of this section, the term "readiness" means there is
 1096 evidence that at least two programs in a county meet the
 1097 following criteria:

1098 (a) Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of managed
 1099 care under the framework of Medicaid reform.

1100 (b) Demonstrate financial capability to meet solvency
 1101 standards.

1102 (c) Demonstrate adequate controls and process for
 1103 financial management.

1104 (d) Demonstrate the capability for clinical management of
 1105 Medicaid recipients.

1106 (e) Demonstrate the adequacy, capacity, and accessibility
 1107 of the services network.

1108 (f) Demonstrate the capability to operate a management

1109 information system and an encounter data system.
 1110 (g) Demonstrate capability to implement quality assurance
 1111 and utilization management activities.
 1112 (h) Demonstrate capability to implement fraud control
 1113 activities.
 1114 (2) The agency shall conduct meetings and public hearings
 1115 in the targeted expansion county with the public and provider
 1116 community. The agency shall provide notice regarding public
 1117 hearings. The agency shall maintain records of the proceedings.
 1118 (3) The agency shall provide a 30-day notice of intent to
 1119 expand the demonstration program with supporting documentation
 1120 that the readiness criteria has been met to the President of the
 1121 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
 1122 Minority Leader of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the House
 1123 of Representatives, and the Office of Program Policy Analysis
 1124 and Government Accountability.
 1125 (4) The agency shall request a hearing and consideration
 1126 by the Joint Legislative Committee on Medicaid Reform
 1127 Implementation after the 30-day notice required in subsection
 1128 (3) has expired in the form of a letter to the chair of the
 1129 committee.
 1130 (5) Upon receiving a memorandum from the Joint Legislative
 1131 Committee on Medicaid Reform Implementation regarding the extent
 1132 to which the expansion criteria pursuant to subsection (1) have
 1133 been met, the agency may submit a budget amendment, pursuant to
 1134 chapter 216, to request the necessary budget transfers
 1135 associated with the expansion of the demonstration program.

1136 Section 6. Subsections (8) through (14) of section
 1137 409.9122, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7)
 1138 through (13), respectively, and paragraphs (e), (f), (g), (h),
 1139 (k), and (l) of subsection (2) and present subsection (7) of
 1140 that section are amended to read:

1141 409.9122 Mandatory Medicaid managed care enrollment;
 1142 programs and procedures.--

1143 (2)

1144 (e) ~~Medicaid recipients who are already enrolled in a~~
 1145 ~~managed care plan or MediPass shall be offered the opportunity~~
 1146 ~~to change managed care plans or MediPass providers on a~~
 1147 ~~staggered basis, as defined by the agency. All Medicaid~~
 1148 recipients shall have 30 days in which to make a choice of
 1149 managed care plans or MediPass providers. ~~Those Medicaid~~
 1150 ~~recipients who do not make a choice shall be assigned to a~~
 1151 ~~managed care plan or MediPass in accordance with paragraph (f).~~
 1152 ~~To facilitate continuity of care, for a Medicaid recipient who~~
 1153 ~~is also a recipient of Supplemental Security Income (SSI), prior~~
 1154 ~~to assigning the SSI recipient to a managed care plan or~~
 1155 ~~MediPass, the agency shall determine whether the SSI recipient~~
 1156 ~~has an ongoing relationship with a MediPass provider or managed~~
 1157 ~~care plan, and if so, the agency shall assign the SSI recipient~~
 1158 ~~to that MediPass provider or managed care plan. Those SSI~~
 1159 ~~recipients who do not have such a provider relationship shall be~~
 1160 ~~assigned to a managed care plan or MediPass provider in~~
 1161 ~~accordance with paragraph (f).~~

1162 (f) When a Medicaid recipient does not choose a managed
 1163 care plan or MediPass provider, the agency shall assign the

1164 Medicaid recipient to a managed care plan ~~or MediPass provider.~~
1165 Medicaid recipients who are subject to mandatory assignment but
1166 who fail to make a choice shall be assigned to managed care
1167 plans ~~until an enrollment of 40 percent in MediPass and 60~~
1168 ~~percent in managed care plans is achieved. Once this enrollment~~
1169 ~~is achieved, the assignments shall be divided in order to~~
1170 ~~maintain an enrollment in MediPass and managed care plans which~~
1171 ~~is in a 40 percent and 60 percent proportion, respectively.~~
1172 ~~Thereafter, assignment of Medicaid recipients who fail to make a~~
1173 ~~choice shall be based proportionally on the preferences of~~
1174 ~~recipients who have made a choice in the previous period. Such~~
1175 ~~proportions shall be revised at least quarterly to reflect an~~
1176 ~~update of the preferences of Medicaid recipients. The agency~~
1177 ~~shall disproportionately assign Medicaid-eligible recipients who~~
1178 ~~are required to but have failed to make a choice of managed care~~
1179 ~~plan or MediPass, including children, and who are to be assigned~~
1180 ~~to the MediPass program to children's networks as described in~~
1181 ~~s. 409.912(4)(g), Children's Medical Services Network as defined~~
1182 ~~in s. 391.021, exclusive provider organizations, provider~~
1183 ~~service networks, minority physician networks, and pediatric~~
1184 ~~emergency department diversion programs authorized by this~~
1185 ~~chapter or the General Appropriations Act, in such manner as the~~
1186 ~~agency deems appropriate, until the agency has determined that~~
1187 ~~the networks and programs have sufficient numbers to be~~
1188 ~~economically operated. For purposes of this paragraph, when~~
1189 ~~referring to assignment, the term "managed care plans" includes~~
1190 ~~health maintenance organizations, exclusive provider~~
1191 ~~organizations, provider service networks, minority physician~~

1192 networks, Children's Medical Services Network, and pediatric
 1193 emergency department diversion programs authorized by this
 1194 chapter or the General Appropriations Act. When making
 1195 assignments, the agency shall take into account the following
 1196 criteria:

1197 1. A managed care plan has sufficient network capacity to
 1198 meet the need of members.

1199 2. The managed care plan ~~or MediPass~~ has previously
 1200 enrolled the recipient as a member, or one of the managed care
 1201 plan's primary care providers ~~or MediPass providers~~ has
 1202 previously provided health care to the recipient.

1203 3. The agency has knowledge that the member has previously
 1204 expressed a preference for a particular managed care plan or
 1205 MediPass provider as indicated by Medicaid fee-for-service
 1206 claims data, but has failed to make a choice.

1207 4. The managed care plan is ~~plan's or MediPass primary~~
 1208 ~~care providers~~ are geographically accessible to the recipient's
 1209 residence.

1210 5. The agency has authority to make mandatory assignments
 1211 based on quality of service and performance of managed care
 1212 plans.

1213 (g) When more than one managed care plan ~~or MediPass~~
 1214 ~~provider~~ meets the criteria specified in paragraph (f), the
 1215 agency shall make recipient assignments consecutively by family
 1216 unit.

1217 (h) The agency may not engage in practices that are
 1218 designed to favor one managed care plan over another ~~or that are~~
 1219 ~~designed to influence Medicaid recipients to enroll in MediPass~~

1220 ~~rather than in a managed care plan or to enroll in a managed~~
 1221 ~~care plan rather than in MediPass.~~ This subsection does not
 1222 prohibit the agency from reporting on the performance of
 1223 MediPass or any managed care plan, as measured by performance
 1224 criteria developed by the agency.

1225 ~~(k) When a Medicaid recipient does not choose a managed~~
 1226 ~~care plan or MediPass provider, the agency shall assign the~~
 1227 ~~Medicaid recipient to a managed care plan, except in those~~
 1228 ~~counties in which there are fewer than two managed care plans~~
 1229 ~~accepting Medicaid enrollees, in which case assignment shall be~~
 1230 ~~to a managed care plan or a MediPass provider. Medicaid~~
 1231 ~~recipients in counties with fewer than two managed care plans~~
 1232 ~~accepting Medicaid enrollees who are subject to mandatory~~
 1233 ~~assignment but who fail to make a choice shall be assigned to~~
 1234 ~~managed care plans until an enrollment of 40 percent in MediPass~~
 1235 ~~and 60 percent in managed care plans is achieved. Once that~~
 1236 ~~enrollment is achieved, the assignments shall be divided in~~
 1237 ~~order to maintain an enrollment in MediPass and managed care~~
 1238 ~~plans which is in a 40 percent and 60 percent proportion,~~
 1239 ~~respectively. In service areas 1 and 6 of the Agency for Health~~
 1240 ~~Care Administration where the agency is contracting for the~~
 1241 ~~provision of comprehensive behavioral health services through a~~
 1242 ~~capitated prepaid arrangement, recipients who fail to make a~~
 1243 ~~choice shall be assigned equally to MediPass or a managed care~~
 1244 ~~plan. For purposes of this paragraph, when referring to~~
 1245 ~~assignment, the term "managed care plans" includes exclusive~~
 1246 ~~provider organizations, provider service networks, Children's~~
 1247 ~~Medical Services Network, minority physician networks, and~~

1248 ~~pediatric emergency department diversion programs authorized by~~
 1249 ~~this chapter or the General Appropriations Act. When making~~
 1250 ~~assignments, the agency shall take into account the following~~
 1251 ~~criteria:~~

1252 1. ~~A managed care plan has sufficient network capacity to~~
 1253 ~~meet the need of members.~~

1254 2. ~~The managed care plan or MediPass has previously~~
 1255 ~~enrolled the recipient as a member, or one of the managed care~~
 1256 ~~plan's primary care providers or MediPass providers has~~
 1257 ~~previously provided health care to the recipient.~~

1258 3. ~~The agency has knowledge that the member has previously~~
 1259 ~~expressed a preference for a particular managed care plan or~~
 1260 ~~MediPass provider as indicated by Medicaid fee-for-service~~
 1261 ~~claims data, but has failed to make a choice.~~

1262 4. ~~The managed care plan's or MediPass primary care~~
 1263 ~~providers are geographically accessible to the recipient's~~
 1264 ~~residence.~~

1265 5. ~~The agency has authority to make mandatory assignments~~
 1266 ~~based on quality of service and performance of managed care~~
 1267 ~~plans.~~

1268 (k)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 287, the
 1269 agency may, at its discretion, renew cost-effective contracts
 1270 for choice counseling services once or more for such periods as
 1271 the agency may decide. However, all such renewals may not
 1272 combine to exceed a total period longer than the term of the
 1273 original contract.

1274 ~~(7) The agency shall investigate the feasibility of~~
 1275 ~~developing managed care plan and MediPass options for the~~
 1276 ~~following groups of Medicaid recipients:~~

- 1277 ~~(a) Pregnant women and infants.~~
- 1278 ~~(b) Elderly and disabled recipients, especially those who~~
 1279 ~~are at risk of nursing home placement.~~
- 1280 ~~(c) Persons with developmental disabilities.~~
- 1281 ~~(d) Qualified Medicare beneficiaries.~~
- 1282 ~~(e) Adults who have chronic, high-cost medical conditions.~~
- 1283 ~~(f) Adults and children who have mental health problems.~~
- 1284 ~~(g) Other recipients for whom managed care plans and~~
 1285 ~~MediPass offer the opportunity of more cost-effective care and~~
 1286 ~~greater access to qualified providers.~~

1287 Section 7. The Agency for Health Care Administration shall
 1288 report to the Legislature by April 1, 2006, the specific
 1289 preimplementation milestones required by the Centers for
 1290 Medicare and Medicaid Services Special Terms and Conditions
 1291 related to the low income pool that have been approved by the
 1292 Federal Government and the status of any remaining
 1293 preimplementation milestones that have not been approved by the
 1294 Federal Government.

1295 Section 8. Quarterly progress and annual reports.--The
 1296 Agency for Health Care Administration shall submit to the
 1297 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House
 1298 of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the
 1299 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, and the Office
 1300 of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability the
 1301 following reports:

1302 (1) Quarterly progress reports submitted to Centers for
 1303 Medicare and Medicaid Services no later than 60 days following
 1304 the end of each quarter. These reports shall present the
 1305 agency's analysis and the status of various operational areas.
 1306 The quarterly progress reports shall include, but are not
 1307 limited to, the following:

1308 (a) Documentation of events that occurred during the
 1309 quarter or that are anticipated to occur in the near future that
 1310 affect health care delivery, including, but not limited to, the
 1311 approval of contracts with new managed care plans, the
 1312 procedures for designating coverage areas, the process of
 1313 phasing in managed care, a description of the populations served
 1314 and the benefits provided, the number of recipients enrolled, a
 1315 list of grievances submitted by enrollees, and other operational
 1316 issues.

1317 (b) Action plans for addressing policy and administrative
 1318 issues.

1319 (c) Documentation of agency efforts related to the
 1320 collection and verification of encounter and utilization data.

1321 (d) Enrollment data for each managed care plan according
 1322 to the following specifications: total number of enrollees,
 1323 eligibility category, number of enrollees receiving Temporary
 1324 Assistance for Needy Families or Supplemental Security Income,
 1325 market share, and percentage change in enrollment. In addition,
 1326 the agency shall provide a summary of voluntary and mandatory
 1327 selection rates and disenrollment data. Enrollment data, number
 1328 of members by month, and expenditures shall be submitted in the
 1329 format for monitoring budget neutrality provided by the Centers

1330 for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

1331 (e) Documentation of low income pool activities and
 1332 associated expenditures.

1333 (f) Documentation of activities related to the
 1334 implementation of choice counseling including efforts to improve
 1335 health literacy and the methods used to obtain public input
 1336 including recipient focus groups.

1337 (g) Participation rates in the Enhanced Benefit Accounts
 1338 Program, as established in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
 1339 Services Special Terms and Conditions number 11-W-00206/4, which
 1340 shall include: participation levels, summary of activities and
 1341 associated expenditures, number of accounts established
 1342 including active participants and individuals who continue to
 1343 retain access to funds in an account but no longer actively
 1344 participate, estimated quarterly deposits in accounts, and
 1345 expenditures from the accounts.

1346 (h) Enrollment data on employer-sponsored insurance that
 1347 documents the number of individuals selecting to opt out when
 1348 employer-sponsored insurance is available. The agency shall
 1349 include data that identifies enrollee characteristics to include
 1350 eligibility category, type of employer-sponsored insurance, and
 1351 type of coverage based on whether the coverage is for the
 1352 individual or the family. The agency shall develop and maintain
 1353 disenrollment reports specifying the reason for disenrolling in
 1354 an employer-sponsored insurance program. The agency shall also
 1355 track and report on those enrollees who elect to reenroll in the
 1356 Medicaid reform waiver demonstration program.

1357 (i) Documentation of progress toward the demonstration

1358 program goals.

1359 (j) Documentation of evaluation activities.

1360 (2) The annual report shall document accomplishments,
 1361 program status, quantitative and case study findings,
 1362 utilization data, and policy and administrative difficulties in
 1363 the operation of the Medicaid reform waiver demonstration
 1364 program. The agency shall submit the draft annual report no
 1365 later than October 1 after the end of each fiscal year.

1366 (a) Beginning with the annual report for demonstration
 1367 program year two, the agency shall include a section on the
 1368 administration of enhanced benefit accounts, participation
 1369 rates, an assessment of expenditures, and potential cost
 1370 savings.

1371 (b) Beginning with the annual report for demonstration
 1372 program year four, the agency shall include a section that
 1373 provides qualitative and quantitative data that describes the
 1374 impact of the low income pool on the number of uninsured persons
 1375 in the state from the start of the implementation of the
 1376 demonstration program.

1377 Section 9. Section 11.72, Florida Statutes, is created to
 1378 read:

1379 11.72 Joint Legislative Committee on Medicaid Reform
 1380 Implementation; creation; membership; powers; duties.--

1381 (1) There is created a standing joint committee of the
 1382 Legislature designated the Joint Legislative Committee on
 1383 Medicaid Reform Implementation for the purpose of reviewing
 1384 policy issues related to expansion of the Medicaid managed care
 1385 pilot program pursuant to s. 409.91211.

1386 (2) The Joint Legislative Committee on Medicaid Reform
 1387 Implementation shall be composed of eight members appointed as
 1388 follows: four members of the House of Representatives appointed
 1389 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom
 1390 shall be a member of the minority party; and four members of the
 1391 Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom
 1392 shall be a member of the minority party. The President of the
 1393 Senate shall appoint the chair in even-numbered years and the
 1394 vice chair in odd-numbered years, and the Speaker of the House
 1395 of Representatives shall appoint the chair in odd-numbered years
 1396 and the vice chair in even-numbered years from among the
 1397 committee membership. Vacancies shall be filled in the same
 1398 manner as the original appointment. Members shall serve without
 1399 compensation, except that members are entitled to reimbursement
 1400 for per diem and travel expenses in accordance with s. 112.061.

1401 (3) The committee shall be governed by joint rules of the
 1402 Senate and the House of Representatives which shall remain in
 1403 effect until repealed or amended by concurrent resolution.

1404 (4) The committee shall meet at the call of the chair. The
 1405 committee may hold hearings on matters within its purview which
 1406 are in the public interest. A quorum shall consist of a majority
 1407 of members from each house, plus one additional member from
 1408 either house. Action by the committee requires a majority vote
 1409 of the members present of each house.

1410 (5) The committee shall be jointly staffed by the
 1411 appropriations and substantive committees of the House of
 1412 Representatives and the Senate. During even-numbered years the

1413 Senate shall serve as lead staff and during odd-numbered years
 1414 the House of Representatives shall serve as lead staff.

1415 (6) The committee shall:

1416 (a) Review reports, public hearing proceedings, documents,
 1417 and materials provided by the Agency for Health Care
 1418 Administration relating to the expansion of the Medicaid managed
 1419 care pilot program to other counties of the state pursuant to s.
 1420 409.91212.

1421 (b) Consult with the substantive and fiscal committees of
 1422 the House of Representatives and the Senate which have
 1423 jurisdiction over the Medicaid matters relating to agency action
 1424 to expand the Medicaid managed care pilot program.

1425 (c) Meet to consider and make a recommendation regarding
 1426 the extent to which the expansion criteria pursuant to s.
 1427 409.91212 have been met.

1428 (7) Within 2 days after meeting, during which the
 1429 committee reviewed documents, material, and testimony related to
 1430 the expansion criteria, the committee shall submit a memorandum
 1431 to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of
 1432 the Senate, the Legislative Budget Commission, and the agency
 1433 delineating the extent to which the agency met the expansion
 1434 criteria.

1435 Section 10. It is the intent of the Legislature that if
 1436 any conflict exists between the provisions contained in s.
 1437 409.91211, Florida Statutes, and other provisions of chapter
 1438 409, Florida Statutes, as they relate to implementation of the
 1439 Medicaid managed care pilot program, the provisions contained in
 1440 s. 409.91211, Florida Statutes, shall control. The Agency for

1441 Health Care Administration shall provide a written report to the
 1442 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
 1443 Representatives by April 1, 2006, identifying any provisions of
 1444 chapter 409, Florida Statutes, that conflict with the
 1445 implementation of the Medicaid managed care pilot program as
 1446 created in s. 409.91211, Florida Statutes. After April 1, 2006,
 1447 the agency shall provide a written report to the President of
 1448 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
 1449 immediately upon identifying any provisions of chapter 409,
 1450 Florida Statutes, that conflict with the implementation of the
 1451 Medicaid managed care pilot program as created in s. 409.91211,
 1452 Florida Statutes.

1453 Section 11. Section 216.346, Florida Statutes, is amended
 1454 to read:

1455 216.346 Contracts between state agencies; restriction on
 1456 overhead or other indirect costs.--In any contract between state
 1457 agencies, including any contract involving the State University
 1458 System or the Florida Community College System, the agency
 1459 receiving the contract or grant moneys shall charge no more than
 1460 a reasonable percentage ~~5 percent~~ of the total cost of the
 1461 contract or grant for overhead or indirect costs or any other
 1462 costs not required for the payment of direct costs. This
 1463 provision is not intended to limit an agency's ability to
 1464 certify matching funds or designate in-kind contributions which
 1465 will allow the drawdown of federal Medicaid dollars that do not
 1466 affect state budgeting.

1467 Section 12. One full-time equivalent position is
 1468 authorized and the sum of \$250,000 is appropriated for fiscal

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1469 year 2006-2007 from the General Revenue Fund to the Office of
1470 Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services Commission to
1471 fund the annual review of the Medicaid managed care pilot
1472 program's risk-adjusted rate setting methodology.

1473 Section 13. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
1474 law.