

By Senator Peaden

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1                                    A bill to be entitled

2                    An act relating to Medicaid; providing for a

3                    comprehensive geriatric fall-prevention

4                    program; requiring the Agency for Health Care

5                    Administration to establish a Medicaid

6                    comprehensive geriatric fall-prevention

7                    program; directing the agency to develop the

8                    program as an expansion of a certain pilot

9                    project conducted in Broward and Miami-Dade

10                  Counties; requiring the agency to evaluate the

11                  program and report to the Legislature;

12                  requiring a plan and timetable for statewide

13                  implementation contingent on certain findings;

14                  specifying a timeframe for implementing a

15                  certain form of reimbursement; providing

16                  legislative intent; providing an effective

17                  date.

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

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21                    Section 1. Comprehensive geriatric fall-prevention

22 program.--

23                    (1)(a) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall

24 establish a comprehensive geriatric fall-prevention program

25 for Medicaid recipients in Broward County and Miami-Dade

26 County. The program shall be evidence-based and shall expand

27 the geriatric fall-prevention demonstration project developed

28 under state contracts M0337 and M0509 that were awarded by the

29 agency in 2003 and 2004. The program shall serve 8,000

30 Medicaid recipients during the first year of operation and

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1 shall be in operation within 120 days after the effective date  
2 of this act.

3 (b) The agency shall evaluate the cost-effectiveness  
4 and the clinical effectiveness of the program and report its  
5 findings to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
6 House of Representatives by January 1, 2009. If the findings  
7 indicate that the program is cost-effective and clinically  
8 effective, the report must include a plan and timetable for  
9 statewide implementation. In evaluating the cost-effectiveness  
10 and the clinical effectiveness of the program, the agency must  
11 consider findings from program evaluations and site-visit  
12 reports relating to the demonstration project described in  
13 paragraph (a).

14 (2) Services provided under subsection (1) shall be  
15 paid for on the same basis as in the demonstration contracts  
16 described in subsection (1). Beginning on the first day of  
17 operation of the third year of program implementation, as  
18 authorized under this section, services shall be reimbursed  
19 only on a capitated, risk-adjusted basis.

20 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
21 Medicaid comprehensive geriatric fall-prevention program  
22 authorized by this section be incorporated into the Medicaid  
23 program, as provided in ss. 409.901-409.920, Florida Statutes,  
24 and included by the Agency for Health Care Administration as a  
25 requirement for certification or credentialing of any health  
26 plan to participate in the integrated, fixed-payment delivery  
27 system for Medicaid recipients who are 60 years of age or  
28 older as established in s. 409.912(5), Florida Statutes, and  
29 in the certification or credentialing of any health plan  
30 participating in the Medicaid managed care pilot program as  
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1 established in s. 409.91211, Florida Statutes, which enrolls  
2 Medicaid recipients who are at risk for geriatric falls.

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
4 law.

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7 SENATE SUMMARY

8 Provides for a comprehensive geriatric fall-prevention  
9 program. Requires the Agency for Health Care  
10 Administration to establish a Medicaid comprehensive  
11 geriatric fall-prevention program. Directs the agency to  
12 develop the program as an expansion of a certain pilot  
13 project conducted in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties.  
14 Requires the agency to evaluate the program and report to  
15 the Legislature. Requires a plan and timetable for  
16 statewide implementation contingent on certain findings.  
17 Specifies a timeframe for implementing a certain form of  
18 reimbursement. Provides legislative intent.  
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