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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to optional Medicaid services; amending s. 409.906, F.S.; authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration to pay for certain adult dental services beginning on a specified date; authorizing the agency to pay for certain adult hearing services; authorizing the agency to pay for certain adult visual services; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 409.906, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsections (26) and (27) are added to that section, to read:

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

1 If necessary to safeguard the state's systems of providing  
2 services to elderly and disabled persons and subject to the  
3 notice and review provisions of s. 216.177, the Governor may  
4 direct the Agency for Health Care Administration to amend the  
5 Medicaid state plan to delete the optional Medicaid service  
6 known as "Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally  
7 Disabled." Optional services may include:

8 (1) ADULT DENTAL SERVICES.--

9 (b) Beginning July 1, 2006 ~~January 1, 2005~~, the agency  
10 may pay for full and partial dentures, the procedures required  
11 to seat dentures, and the repair and reline of dentures,  
12 provided by or under the direction of a licensed dentist, for  
13 a recipient who is 21 years of age or older.

14 (26) ADULT HEARING SERVICES.--The agency may pay for  
15 hearing and related services, including hearing evaluations,  
16 hearing aid devices, dispensing of the hearing aid, and  
17 related repairs, if provided to a recipient 21 years of age or  
18 older by a licensed hearing aid specialist, otolaryngologist,  
19 otologist, audiologist, or physician.

20 (27) ADULT VISUAL SERVICES.--The agency may pay for  
21 visual examinations, eyeglasses, and eyeglass repairs for a  
22 recipient 21 years of age or older, if they are prescribed by  
23 a licensed physician specializing in diseases of the eye or by  
24 a licensed optometrist.

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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27 SENATE SUMMARY

28 Authorizes the Agency for Health Care Administration to  
29 begin paying for certain adult dental services on a  
30 specified date. Authorizes the agency to pay for certain  
31 adult hearing services and certain adult visual services.