

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to optional Medicaid payments; amending s.  
 3           409.904, F.S.; increasing the monthly personal allowance  
 4           for certain eligible persons; providing an effective date.

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

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 8           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
 9           409.904, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

10           409.904 Optional payments for eligible persons.--The  
 11           agency may make payments for medical assistance and related  
 12           services on behalf of the following persons who are determined  
 13           to be eligible subject to the income, assets, and categorical  
 14           eligibility tests set forth in federal and state law. Payment on  
 15           behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the  
 16           availability of moneys and any limitations established by the  
 17           General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

18           (3) A person who is in need of the services of a licensed  
 19           nursing facility, a licensed intermediate care facility for the  
 20           developmentally disabled, or a state mental hospital, whose  
 21           income does not exceed 300 percent of the SSI income standard,  
 22           and who meets the assets standards established under federal and  
 23           state law. In determining the person's responsibility for the  
 24           cost of care, the following amounts must be deducted from the  
 25           person's income:

26           (a) The monthly personal allowance for residents which  
 27           shall be \$45 per month ~~as set based on appropriations.~~

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