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CHAMBER ACTION

1 The Health Care Appropriations Committee recommends the  
2 following:

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4 **Council/Committee Substitute**

5 Remove the entire bill and insert:

6 A bill to be entitled

7 An act relating to the personal needs allowance; amending  
8 s. 409.904, F.S.; increasing the monthly personal  
9 allowance for certain eligible persons; providing an  
10 appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
15 409.904, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

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

34 Section 2. The sums of \$2,205,524 from the General Revenue  
35 Fund and \$3,146,716 from the Medical Care Trust Fund are  
36 appropriated to the Agency for Health Care Administration for  
37 the 2006-2007 fiscal year for an increase in Medicaid  
38 expenditures, and the sum of \$660,000 is appropriated from the  
39 General Revenue Fund to the Department of Children and Family  
40 Services for the 2006-2007 fiscal year for an increase to the  
41 personal care allowance.

42 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.