

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

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

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9           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
10   409.904, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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