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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to the practice of podiatric medicine; amending ss. 409.906 and 461.003, F.S.; redefining the scope of the practice of podiatric medicine; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (19) of section 409.906, Florida Statutes, is amended 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.

If necessary to safeguard the state's systems of providing services to elderly and disabled persons and subject to the notice and review provisions of s. 216.177, the Governor may direct the Agency for Health Care Administration to amend the

CODING: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.

1 Medicaid state plan to delete the optional Medicaid service
2 known as "Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally
3 Disabled." Optional services may include:

4 (19) PODIATRIC SERVICES.--The agency may pay for
5 services, including diagnosis and medical, surgical,
6 palliative, and mechanical treatment, related to ailments of
7 the human foot and ankle ~~lower leg~~, if provided to a recipient
8 by a podiatric physician licensed under state law.

9 Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 461.003, Florida
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 461.003 Definitions.--As used in this chapter:

12 (5) "Practice of podiatric medicine" means the
13 diagnosis or medical, surgical, palliative, and mechanical
14 treatment of ailments of the human foot and ankle ~~leg~~. ~~The~~
15 ~~surgical treatment of ailments of the human foot and leg shall~~
16 ~~be limited anatomically to that part below the anterior tibial~~
17 ~~tubercle.~~ The practice of podiatric medicine shall include the
18 amputation of the toes or other parts of the foot but shall
19 not include the amputation of the foot or leg in its entirety.
20 A podiatric physician may prescribe drugs that relate
21 specifically to the scope of practice authorized herein.

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