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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the practice of podiatric medicine;
3 amending ss. 409.906 and 461.003, F.S.; redefining the
4 scope of the practice of podiatric medicine; providing an
5 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. Subsection (19) of section 409.906, Florida
10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 409.906 Optional Medicaid services.--Subject to specific
12 appropriations, the agency may make payments for services which
13 are optional to the state under Title XIX of the Social Security
14 Act and are furnished by Medicaid providers to recipients who
15 are determined to be eligible on the dates on which the services
16 were provided. Any optional service that is provided shall be
17 provided only when medically necessary and in accordance with
18 state and federal law. Optional services rendered by providers
19 in mobile units to Medicaid recipients may be restricted or
20 prohibited by the agency. Nothing in this section shall be
21 construed to prevent or limit the agency from adjusting fees,
22 reimbursement rates, lengths of stay, number of visits, or
23 number of services, or making any other adjustments necessary to
24 comply with the availability of moneys and any limitations or
25 directions provided for in the General Appropriations Act or
26 chapter 216. If necessary to safeguard the state's systems of
27 providing services to elderly and disabled persons and subject
28 to the notice and review provisions of s. 216.177, the Governor

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29 may direct the Agency for Health Care Administration to amend
 30 the Medicaid state plan to delete the optional Medicaid service
 31 known as "Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally
 32 Disabled." Optional services may include:

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

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

40 461.003 Definitions.--As used in this chapter:

41 (5) "Practice of podiatric medicine" means the diagnosis
 42 or medical, surgical, palliative, and mechanical treatment of
 43 ailments of the human foot and ankle ~~leg~~. ~~The surgical treatment~~
 44 ~~of ailments of the human foot and leg shall be limited~~
 45 ~~anatomically to that part below the anterior tibial tubercle.~~
 46 The practice of podiatric medicine shall include the amputation
 47 of the toes or other parts of the foot but shall not include the
 48 amputation of the foot or leg in its entirety. A podiatric
 49 physician may prescribe drugs that relate specifically to the
 50 scope of practice authorized herein.

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