

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to a Medicaid comprehensive geriatric fall prevention program; creating s. 409.91212, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to establish a Medicaid comprehensive geriatric fall prevention program; directing the agency to develop the program as an expansion of a certain pilot project conducted in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties; requiring the agency to evaluate the program and report to the Legislature; requiring a plan and timetable for statewide implementation contingent upon certain findings; specifying a timeframe for implementing a certain form of reimbursement; providing legislative intent; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 409.91212, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

409.91212 Medicaid comprehensive geriatric fall prevention program.--

(1) (a) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall establish a Medicaid comprehensive geriatric fall prevention program in Broward and Miami-Dade Counties. The program shall be evidence based and shall expand the geriatric fall prevention demonstration project developed under state contracts M0337 and M0509 that were awarded by the agency in fiscal year 2003-2004. The program shall serve 8,000 Medicaid recipients 60 years of

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28 age or older during the first year of operation and shall be in
29 operation within 120 days after the effective date of this act.

30 (b) The agency shall evaluate the cost-effectiveness and
31 clinical effectiveness of the program and report its findings to
32 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
33 Representatives by January 1, 2009. If the findings indicate the
34 program is cost-effective and clinically effective, the report
35 shall include a plan and timetable for statewide implementation.
36 In evaluating the cost-effectiveness and clinical effectiveness
37 of the program, the agency must consider findings from program
38 evaluations and site visit reports relating to the demonstration
39 project described in paragraph (a).

40 (2) Services provided under subsection (1) shall be
41 reimbursed on the same basis as provided for under the
42 demonstration project contracts described in subsection (1).
43 Beginning on the first day of operation in the third year of
44 program implementation, as authorized under this section,
45 services shall be reimbursed only on a capitated, risk-adjusted
46 basis.

47 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that the Medicaid
48 comprehensive geriatric fall prevention program authorized by
49 this section be incorporated into the Medicaid program, as
50 provided under ss. 409.901-409.920, and included by the agency
51 as a requirement for the certification or credentialing of any
52 health plan to participate in the integrated, fixed-payment
53 delivery system for Medicaid recipients who are 60 years of age
54 or older as established in s. 409.912(5) and in the
55 certification or credentialing of any health plan participating

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56 in the Medicaid managed care pilot program as established in s.
57 409.91211 that enrolls Medicaid recipients who are at risk for
58 geriatric falls.

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