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CHAMBER ACTION

The Health Care Appropriations Committee recommends the following:

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Council/Committee Substitute

Remove the entire bill and insert:

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 Miami-Dade County; 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 a contingent effective date.

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

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

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

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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 Miami-Dade County. The program shall be evidence based and shall expand the geriatric fall prevention demonstration project awarded under contract in 2002 by the Agency for Health Care Administration. The program shall serve 8,000 Medicaid recipients 60 years of age or older during the first year of operation and shall be in operation within 120 days after the effective date of this act.
- (b) The agency shall evaluate the cost-effectiveness and clinical effectiveness of the program and report its findings to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2009. If the findings indicate the program is cost-effective and clinically effective, the report shall include a plan and timetable for statewide implementation. In evaluating the cost-effectiveness and clinical effectiveness of the program, the agency must consider findings from program evaluations and site visit reports relating to the demonstration project described in paragraph (a).
- (2) Services provided under subsection (1) shall be reimbursed on the same basis as provided for under the demonstration project contracts described in subsection (1).

 Beginning on the first day of operation in the third year of program implementation, as authorized under this section, services shall be reimbursed only on a capitated, risk-adjusted basis.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, only if a specific appropriation to fund the Medicaid comprehensive geriatric fall prevention program is made in the General Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2006-2007.

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