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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Medical Care Advisory Committee;
3 creating s. 409.91194, F.S.; creating the Medical Care
4 Advisory Committee under the Agency for Health Care
5 Administration; providing for membership, meetings, and
6 duties; providing for reimbursement for per diem and
7 travel expenses; requiring a report to the Legislature;
8 providing an effective date.

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

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12 Section 1. Section 409.91194, Florida Statutes, is created
13 to read:

14 409.91194 Medical Care Advisory Committee.--

15 (1) The Secretary for Health Care Administration shall
16 appoint a Medical Care Advisory Committee to advise the Agency
17 for Health Care Administration about the Florida Medicaid
18 program, consistent with the requirements of federal law.

19 (2) The committee shall be composed of not fewer than 15
20 or more than 25 members, with at least 51 percent of the
21 membership consisting of current or former Medicaid recipients,
22 their parents or guardians, or Medicaid advocates, including
23 representatives of special needs populations. The terms of
24 office of the members shall be for 3 years, and members may
25 serve no more than two consecutive 3-year terms. However, a term
26 of less than 3 years may be used to ensure that no more than
27 five members' terms expire during the same calendar year. A
28 vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled for the

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29 unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as the initial
30 appointment was made.

31 (3) At the first meeting each year, the members shall
32 elect a chair and a vice chair. The committee shall meet at
33 least quarterly, and committee members shall be provided written
34 notice of the meetings at least 20 days before the date of the
35 meeting. Subject to appropriation, the Agency for Health Care
36 Administration shall provide staff and administrative support to
37 the committee for the committee's activities and duties as
38 provided in this section.

39 (4) The members of the committee shall serve without
40 compensation, but are entitled to reimbursement for per diem and
41 travel expenses incurred in the discharge of official duties as
42 provided in s. 112.061.

43 (5) The duties and responsibilities of the committee
44 include, but are not limited to, reviewing and commenting upon
45 proposed amendments to the Medicaid state plan; reviewing and
46 commenting upon proposed new Medicaid initiatives pertaining to
47 health care benefits and beneficiary eligibility, including
48 Medicaid waiver proposals and programs; participating in the
49 development of policies and standards; providing advice about
50 the content and dissemination of program materials; and
51 providing advice about gaps in services or barriers to the use
52 of services. The committee shall study and make recommendations
53 regarding other Medicaid-related topics as suggested by the
54 Legislature or the chair of the committee. The committee shall
55 provide a written report on its activities and recommendations
56 on or before November 30 of each year to the Governor, the

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57 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
58 Representatives.

59 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.