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A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to requirements for Medicaid eligibility; amending s. 409.903, F.S.; 3 4 providing that low-income families that have 5 children are eligible for Medicaid if the 6 family's countable income does not exceed 35 7 percent of the federal poverty level and 8 resource standards do not exceed the applicable standards for Aid to Families with Dependent 9 10 Children; amending s. 445.029, F.S.; extending the time during which a family that has lost 11 12 temporary cash assistance due to earnings may 13 remain eligible for Medicaid without reapplication if private insurance is 14 unavailable or unaffordable; providing an 15 effective date. 16 17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 18 19 Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section 20 21 409.903, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 22 409.903 Mandatory payments for eligible persons. -- The 23 agency shall make payments for medical assistance and related services on behalf of the following persons who the 2.4 department, or the Social Security Administration by contract 25 with the Department of Children and Family Services, 26 27 determines to be eligible, subject to the income, assets, and 2.8 categorical eligibility tests set forth in federal and state law. Payment on behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is 29 subject to the availability of moneys and any limitations 30 established by the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

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- (1) Low-income families with children are eligible for Medicaid provided they meet the following requirements:
- (c) The family's countable income does and resources do not exceed 35 percent of the federal poverty level and resource standards do not exceed the applicable Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) income and resource standards under the AFDC state plan in effect in July 2006 1996, except as amended in the Medicaid state plan to conform as closely as possible to the requirements of the welfare transition program, to the extent permitted by federal law.

Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 445.029, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

445.029 Transitional medical benefits.--

- (1) A family that loses its temporary cash assistance due to earnings shall remain eligible for Medicaid without reapplication during the immediately succeeding <u>24-month</u> <u>12 month</u> period if private medical insurance is unavailable from the employer or is unaffordable.
- (a) The family shall be denied Medicaid during the $\underline{24\text{-month}}$ $\underline{12\text{ month}}$ period for any month in which the family does not include a dependent child.
- (b) The family shall be denied Medicaid if, during the $\underline{\text{final second}}$ 6 months of the $\underline{\text{24-month}}$ $\underline{\text{12 month}}$ period, the family's average gross monthly earnings during the preceding month exceed 185 percent of the federal poverty level.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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2	SENATE SUMMARY	
3	Provides that low-income families with children are eligible for Medicaid if the family's countable income	
4	does not exceed 35 percent of the federal poverty level and resource standards do not exceed the applicable	
5	standard for Aid to Families with Dependent Children. Extends the time during which a family that has lost	
6	temporary cash assistance due to earnings may remain eligible for Medicaid without reapplication if private	
7	insurance is unavailable or unaffordable.	
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