

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to reimbursement of Medicaid providers;
 3 amending s. 409.908, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health
 4 Care Administration to provide reimbursement for physician
 5 and dental services at certain levels and rates; providing
 6 an effective date.

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

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 10 Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (12) of
 11 section 409.908, Florida Statutes, to read:

12 409.908 Reimbursement of Medicaid providers.--Subject to
 13 specific appropriations, the agency shall reimburse Medicaid
 14 providers, in accordance with state and federal law, according
 15 to methodologies set forth in the rules of the agency and in
 16 policy manuals and handbooks incorporated by reference therein.
 17 These methodologies may include fee schedules, reimbursement
 18 methods based on cost reporting, negotiated fees, competitive
 19 bidding pursuant to s. 287.057, and other mechanisms the agency
 20 considers efficient and effective for purchasing services or
 21 goods on behalf of recipients. If a provider is reimbursed based
 22 on cost reporting and submits a cost report late and that cost
 23 report would have been used to set a lower reimbursement rate
 24 for a rate semester, then the provider's rate for that semester
 25 shall be retroactively calculated using the new cost report, and
 26 full payment at the recalculated rate shall be effected
 27 retroactively. Medicare-granted extensions for filing cost
 28 reports, if applicable, shall also apply to Medicaid cost

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29 reports. Payment for Medicaid compensable services made on
30 behalf of Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the
31 availability of moneys and any limitations or directions
32 provided for in the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.
33 Further, nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent
34 or limit the agency from adjusting fees, reimbursement rates,
35 lengths of stay, number of visits, or number of services, or
36 making any other adjustments necessary to comply with the
37 availability of moneys and any limitations or directions
38 provided for in the General Appropriations Act, provided the
39 adjustment is consistent with legislative intent.

40 (12)

41 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this
42 subsection, the agency shall provide reimbursement for physician
43 and dental services provided to children younger than 21 years
44 of age at least at the level provided by federal law for
45 physician reimbursement under the Medicare program and provide
46 reimbursement for dental services at 50 percent of usual and
47 customary rates provided for dental services. The agency shall
48 include in all managed care contracts a requirement to provide
49 at least such reimbursement for physician and dental services.

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