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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to the reimbursement of Medicaid  
3 providers; amending s. 409.908, F.S.; requiring the Agency  
4 for Health Care Administration to provide reimbursement  
5 for physician and dental services at certain levels and  
6 rates; providing 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 to  
15 methodologies set forth in the rules of the agency and in policy  
16 manuals and handbooks incorporated by reference therein. These  
17 methodologies may include fee schedules, reimbursement methods  
18 based on cost reporting, negotiated fees, competitive bidding  
19 pursuant to s. 287.057, and other mechanisms the agency considers  
20 efficient and effective for purchasing services or goods on  
21 behalf of recipients. If a provider is reimbursed based on cost  
22 reporting and submits a cost report late and that cost report  
23 would have been used to set a lower reimbursement rate for a rate  
24 semester, then the provider's rate for that semester shall be  
25 retroactively calculated using the new cost report, and full  
26 payment at the recalculated rate shall be effected retroactively.  
27 Medicare-granted extensions for filing cost reports, if  
28 applicable, shall also apply to Medicaid cost reports. Payment  
29 for Medicaid compensable services made on behalf of Medicaid

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

40 (12)

41 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection,  
42 the agency shall provide reimbursement for physician and dental  
43 services provided to children younger than 21 years of age at  
44 least at the level provided by federal law for physician  
45 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 at  
49 least such reimbursement for physician and dental services.

50 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.