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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Gardiner offered the following:

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3 **Amendment to Senate Amendment (697284) (with title**
4 **amendment)**

5 Remove lines 7-318 and insert:

6 Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 409.8132, Florida
7 Statutes, is amended to read:

8 409.8132 Medikids program component.--

9 (7) ENROLLMENT.--Enrollment in the Medikids program
10 component may occur at any time throughout the year. A child may
11 not receive services under the Medikids program until the child
12 is enrolled in a managed care plan or MediPass. Once determined
13 eligible, an applicant may receive choice counseling and select
14 a managed care plan or MediPass. The agency may initiate
15 mandatory assignment for a Medikids applicant who has not chosen
16 a managed care plan or MediPass provider after the applicant's

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17 | voluntary choice period ends; however, the agency shall ensure
18 | that family members are assigned to the same managed care plan
19 | or the same MediPass provider to the greatest extent possible,
20 | including situations in which some family members are enrolled
21 | in Medicaid and other family members are enrolled in a Title
22 | XXI-funded component of the Florida Kidcare program. An
23 | applicant may select MediPass under the Medikids program
24 | component only in counties that have fewer than two managed care
25 | plans available to serve Medicaid recipients and only if the
26 | federal Health Care Financing Administration determines that
27 | MediPass constitutes "health insurance coverage" as defined in
28 | Title XXI of the Social Security Act.

29 | Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 409.8134, Florida
30 | Statutes, is amended to read:

31 | 409.8134 Program expenditure ceiling.--

32 | (2) The Florida Kidcare program may conduct enrollment at
33 | any time throughout the year for the purpose of enrolling
34 | children eligible for all program components listed in s.
35 | 409.813 except Medicaid. The four Florida Kidcare administrators
36 | shall work together to ensure that the year-round enrollment
37 | period is announced statewide. Eligible children shall be
38 | enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis using the date the
39 | enrollment application is received. Enrollment shall immediately
40 | cease when the expenditure ceiling is reached. Year-round
41 | enrollment shall only be held if the Social Services Estimating
42 | Conference determines that sufficient federal and state funds
43 | will be available to finance the increased enrollment ~~through~~
44 | ~~federal fiscal year 2007~~. Any individual who is not enrolled

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45 must reapply by submitting a new application. The application
46 for the Florida Kidcare program shall be valid for a period of
47 120 days after the date it was received. At the end of the 120-
48 day period, if the applicant has not been enrolled in the
49 program, the application shall be invalid and the applicant
50 shall be notified of the action. The applicant may reactivate
51 ~~resubmit~~ the application after notification of the action taken
52 by the program. Except for the Medicaid program, whenever the
53 Social Services Estimating Conference determines that there are
54 presently, or will be by the end of the current fiscal year,
55 insufficient funds to finance the current or projected
56 enrollment in the Florida Kidcare program, all additional
57 enrollment must cease and additional enrollment may not resume
58 until sufficient funds are available to finance such enrollment.

59 Section 3. Paragraphs (c) and (f) of subsection (4) and
60 subsections (5), (7), and (8) of section 409.814, Florida
61 Statutes, are amended to read:

62 409.814 Eligibility.--A child who has not reached 19 years
63 of age whose family income is equal to or below 200 percent of
64 the federal poverty level is eligible for the Florida Kidcare
65 program as provided in this section. For enrollment in the
66 Children's Medical Services Network, a complete application
67 includes the medical or behavioral health screening. If,
68 subsequently, an individual is determined to be ineligible for
69 coverage, he or she must immediately be disenrolled from the
70 respective Florida Kidcare program component.

71 (4) The following children are not eligible to receive
72 premium assistance for health benefits coverage under the

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73 Florida Kidcare program, except under Medicaid if the child
74 would have been eligible for Medicaid under s. 409.903 or s.
75 409.904 as of June 1, 1997:

76 (c) A child who is seeking premium assistance for the
77 Florida Kidcare program through employer-sponsored group
78 coverage, if the child has been covered by the same employer's
79 group coverage during the 90 days & months prior to the family's
80 submitting an application for determination of eligibility under
81 the program.

82 (f) A child who has had his or her coverage in an
83 employer-sponsored or private health benefit plan voluntarily
84 canceled in the last 90 days & months, except those children who
85 were on the waiting list prior to March 12, 2004, or whose
86 coverage was voluntarily canceled for good cause, including, but
87 not limited to, the following circumstances:

88 1. The cost of participation in an employer-sponsored or
89 private health benefit plan is greater than 5 percent of the
90 family's income;

91 2. The parent lost a job that provided an employer-
92 sponsored health benefit plan for children;

93 3. The parent with health benefits coverage for the child
94 is deceased;

95 4. The employer of the parent canceled health benefits
96 coverage for children;

97 5. The child's health benefits coverage ended because the
98 child reached the maximum lifetime coverage amount;

99 6. The child has exhausted coverage under a COBRA
100 continuation provision; or

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101 7. A situation involving domestic violence led to the loss
102 of coverage.

103 (5) A child whose family income is above 200 percent of
104 the federal poverty level or a child who is excluded under the
105 provisions of subsection (4) may participate in the Medikids
106 program as provided in s. 409.8132 or, if the child is
107 ineligible for Medikids by reason of age, in the Florida Healthy
108 Kids program as provided in s. 624.91, subject to the following
109 provisions:

110 (a) The family is not eligible for premium assistance
111 payments and must pay the full cost of the premium, including
112 any administrative costs.

113 ~~(b) The agency is authorized to place limits on enrollment~~
114 ~~in Medikids by these children in order to avoid adverse~~
115 ~~selection. The number of children participating in Medikids~~
116 ~~whose family income exceeds 200 percent of the federal poverty~~
117 ~~level must not exceed 10 percent of total enrollees in the~~
118 ~~Medikids program.~~

119 (b)(e) The board of directors of the Florida Healthy Kids
120 Corporation ~~is authorized to place limits on enrollment of these~~
121 ~~children in order to avoid adverse selection. In addition, the~~
122 ~~board~~ is authorized to offer a reduced benefit package to these
123 children in order to limit program costs for such families. ~~The~~
124 ~~number of children participating in the Florida Healthy Kids~~
125 ~~program whose family income exceeds 200 percent of the federal~~
126 ~~poverty level must not exceed 10 percent of total enrollees in~~
127 ~~the Florida Healthy Kids program.~~

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128 (7) When determining or reviewing a child's eligibility
129 under the Florida Kidcare program, the applicant shall be
130 provided with reasonable notice of changes in eligibility which
131 may affect enrollment in one or more of the program components.
132 When a transition from one program component to another is
133 authorized, there shall be cooperation between the program
134 components, ~~and~~ the affected family, the child's health
135 insurance plan, and the child's health care providers to promote
136 which promotes continuity of health care coverage. If a child is
137 determined ineligible for Medicaid or Medikids, the agency, in
138 coordination with the department, shall notify that child's
139 Medicaid managed care plan or MediPass provider of such
140 determination before the child's eligibility is scheduled to be
141 terminated so that the Medicaid managed care plan or MediPass
142 provider can assist the child's family in applying for Florida
143 Kidcare program coverage. Any authorized transfers must be
144 managed within the program's overall appropriated or authorized
145 levels of funding. Each component of the program shall establish
146 a reserve to ensure that transfers between components will be
147 accomplished within current year appropriations. These reserves
148 shall be reviewed by each convening of the Social Services
149 Estimating Conference to determine the adequacy of such reserves
150 to meet actual experience.

151 (8) In determining the eligibility of a child for the
152 Florida Kidcare program, an assets test is not required. The
153 information required under this section from each applicant
154 shall be obtained electronically to the extent possible. If such
155 information cannot be obtained electronically, the ~~Each~~

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156 applicant shall provide written documentation during the
157 application process and the redetermination process, including,
158 but not limited to, the following:

159 (a) Proof of family income, which must include a copy of
160 the applicant's most recent federal income tax return. In the
161 absence of a federal income tax return, an applicant may submit
162 wages and earnings statements (pay stubs), W-2 forms, or other
163 appropriate documents.

164 (b) A statement from all family members that:

165 1. Their employer does not sponsor a health benefit plan
166 for employees; or

167 2. The potential enrollee is not covered by the employer-
168 sponsored health benefit plan because the potential enrollee is
169 not eligible for coverage, or, if the potential enrollee is
170 eligible but not covered, a statement of the cost to enroll the
171 potential enrollee in the employer-sponsored health benefit
172 plan.

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174 An individual who applies for coverage under the Florida Kidcare
175 program and who pays the full cost of the premium is exempt from
176 the requirements of this subsection.

177 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section
178 409.818, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

179 409.818 Administration.--In order to implement ss.
180 409.810-409.820, the following agencies shall have the following
181 duties:

182 (1) The Department of Children and Family Services shall:

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183 (b) Establish and maintain the eligibility determination
184 process under the program except as specified in subsection (5).
185 The department shall directly, or through the services of a
186 contracted third-party administrator, establish and maintain a
187 process for determining eligibility of children for coverage
188 under the program. The eligibility determination process must be
189 used solely for determining eligibility of applicants for health
190 benefits coverage under the program. The eligibility
191 determination process must include an initial determination of
192 eligibility for any coverage offered under the program, as well
193 as a redetermination or reverification of eligibility each
194 subsequent 12 6 months. Effective January 1, 1999, a child who
195 has not attained the age of 5 and who has been determined
196 eligible for the Medicaid program is eligible for coverage for
197 12 months without a redetermination or reverification of
198 eligibility. In conducting an eligibility determination, the
199 department shall determine if the child has special health care
200 needs. The department, in consultation with the Agency for
201 Health Care Administration and the Florida Healthy Kids
202 Corporation, shall develop procedures for redetermining
203 eligibility which enable a family to easily update any change in
204 circumstances which could affect eligibility. The department may
205 accept changes in a family's status as reported to the
206 department by the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation without
207 requiring a new application from the family. Redetermination of
208 a child's eligibility for Medicaid may not be linked to a
209 child's eligibility determination for other programs.

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210 Section 5. Subsection (26) is added to section 409.906,
211 Florida Statutes, to read:

212 409.906 Optional Medicaid services.--Subject to specific
213 appropriations, the agency may make payments for services which
214 are optional to the state under Title XIX of the Social Security
215 Act and are furnished by Medicaid providers to recipients who
216 are determined to be eligible on the dates on which the services
217 were provided. Any optional service that is provided shall be
218 provided only when medically necessary and in accordance with
219 state and federal law. Optional services rendered by providers
220 in mobile units to Medicaid recipients may be restricted or
221 prohibited by the agency. Nothing in this section shall be
222 construed to prevent or limit the agency from adjusting fees,
223 reimbursement rates, lengths of stay, number of visits, or
224 number of services, or making any other adjustments necessary to
225 comply with the availability of moneys and any limitations or
226 directions provided for in the General Appropriations Act or
227 chapter 216. If necessary to safeguard the state's systems of
228 providing services to elderly and disabled persons and subject
229 to the notice and review provisions of s. 216.177, the Governor
230 may direct the Agency for Health Care Administration to amend
231 the Medicaid state plan to delete the optional Medicaid service
232 known as "Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally
233 Disabled." Optional services may include:

234 (26) HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES for AUTISM SPECTRUM
235 DISORDER AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.--The agency is
236 authorized to seek federal approval through a Medicaid waiver or
237 a state plan amendment for the provision of occupational

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238 therapy, speech therapy, physical therapy, behavior analysis,
239 and behavior assistant services to individuals who are 5 years
240 of age and under and have a diagnosed developmental disability
241 as defined in s. 624.916. These services shall be provided for
242 producing and maintaining improvements in communication, human
243 behavior, and skill acquisition, including the the reduction of
244 problematic behavior. Coverage for such services shall be
245 limited to \$36,000 annually and may not exceed \$200,000 in total
246 lifetime benefits. The agency shall submit an annual report
247 beginning on January 1, 2009, to the President of the Senate,
248 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the relevant
249 committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives
250 regarding progress on obtaining federal approval and
251 recommendations for the implementation of these home and
252 community-based services. The agency may not implement this
253 subsection without prior legislative approval.

254 Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section
255 624.91, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

256 624.91 The Florida Healthy Kids Corporation Act.--

257 (5) CORPORATION AUTHORIZATION, DUTIES, POWERS.--

258 (b) The Florida Healthy Kids Corporation shall:

259 1. Arrange for the collection of any family, local
260 contributions, or employer payment or premium, in an amount to
261 be determined by the board of directors, to provide for payment
262 of premiums for comprehensive insurance coverage and for the
263 actual or estimated administrative expenses.

264 2. Arrange for the collection of any voluntary
265 contributions to provide for payment of premiums for children

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266 who are not eligible for medical assistance under Title XXI of
267 the Social Security Act.

268 3. Subject to the provisions of s. 409.8134, accept
269 voluntary supplemental local match contributions that comply
270 with the requirements of Title XXI of the Social Security Act
271 for the purpose of providing additional coverage in contributing
272 counties under Title XXI.

273 4. Establish the administrative and accounting procedures
274 for the operation of the corporation.

275 5. Establish, with consultation from appropriate
276 professional organizations, standards for preventive health
277 services and providers and comprehensive insurance benefits
278 appropriate to children, provided that such standards for rural
279 areas shall not limit primary care providers to board-certified
280 pediatricians.

281 6. Determine eligibility for children seeking to
282 participate in the Title XXI-funded components of the Florida
283 Kidcare program consistent with the requirements specified in s.
284 409.814, as well as the non-Title-XXI-eligible children as
285 provided in subsection (3).

286 7. Establish procedures under which providers of local
287 match to, applicants to and participants in the program may have
288 grievances reviewed by an impartial body and reported to the
289 board of directors of the corporation.

290 8. Establish participation criteria and, if appropriate,
291 contract with an authorized insurer, health maintenance
292 organization, or third-party administrator to provide
293 administrative services to the corporation.

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294 9. Establish enrollment criteria which shall include
295 penalties or waiting periods of not fewer than 60 days for
296 reinstatement of coverage upon voluntary cancellation for
297 nonpayment of family premiums.

298 10. Contract with authorized insurers or any provider of
299 health care services, meeting standards established by the
300 corporation, for the provision of comprehensive insurance
301 coverage to participants. Such standards shall include criteria
302 under which the corporation may contract with more than one
303 provider of health care services in program sites. Health plans
304 shall be selected through a competitive bid process. The Florida
305 Healthy Kids Corporation shall purchase goods and services in
306 the most cost-effective manner consistent with the delivery of
307 quality medical care. The maximum administrative cost for a
308 Florida Healthy Kids Corporation contract shall be 15 percent.
309 For health care contracts, the minimum medical loss ratio for a
310 Florida Healthy Kids Corporation contract shall be 85 percent.
311 For dental contracts, the remaining compensation to be paid to
312 the authorized insurer or provider under a Florida Healthy Kids
313 Corporation contract shall be no less than an amount which is 85
314 percent of premium; to the extent any contract provision does
315 not provide for this minimum compensation, this section shall
316 prevail. The health plan selection criteria and scoring system,
317 and the scoring results, shall be available upon request for
318 inspection after the bids have been awarded.

319 11. Establish disenrollment criteria in the event local
320 matching funds are insufficient to cover enrollments.

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321 12. Develop and implement a plan to publicize the Florida
322 Kidcare program Healthy Kids Corporation, the eligibility
323 requirements of the program, and the procedures for enrollment
324 in the program and to maintain public awareness of the
325 corporation and the program. Health care and dental health plans
326 participating in the program may develop and distribute
327 marketing and other promotional materials and participate in
328 activities, such as health fairs and public events, as approved
329 by the corporation. Health care and dental health plans may also
330 contact their current and former enrollees to encourage
331 continued participation in the program and assist the enrollee
332 in transferring from a Title XIX-funded plan to a Title XXI-
333 funded plan.

334 13. Establish an assignment process for Florida Healthy
335 Kids program enrollees to ensure that family members are
336 assigned to the same managed care plan to the greatest extent
337 possible, including situations in which some family members are
338 enrolled in a Medicaid managed care plan and other family
339 members are enrolled in a Florida Healthy Kids plan. The Agency
340 for Health Care Administration shall consult with the
341 corporation to implement this subparagraph.

342 ~~14.13.~~ Secure staff necessary to properly administer the
343 corporation. Staff costs shall be funded from state and local
344 matching funds and such other private or public funds as become
345 available. The board of directors shall determine the number of
346 staff members necessary to administer the corporation.

347 ~~15.14.~~ Provide a report annually to the Governor, Chief
348 Financial Officer, Commissioner of Education, Senate President,
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349 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Minority Leaders of
350 the Senate and the House of Representatives.

351 ~~16.15.~~ Establish benefit packages which conform to the
352 provisions of the Florida Kidcare program, as created in ss.
353 409.810-409.820.

354 Section 7. Section 624.916, Florida Statutes, is created
355 to read:

356 624.916 Developmental disabilities compact.--

357 (1) This section may be cited as the "Window of
358 Opportunity Act."

359 (2) The Office of Insurance Regulation shall convene a
360 workgroup by August 31, 2008, for the purpose of negotiating a
361 compact that includes a binding agreement among the participants
362 relating to insurance and access to services for persons with
363 developmental disabilities. The workgroup shall consist of the
364 following:

365 (a) Representatives of all health insurers licensed under
366 this chapter.

367 (b) Representatives of all health maintenance
368 organizations licensed under part I of chapter 641.

369 (c) Representatives of employers with self-insured health
370 benefit plans.

371 (d) Two designees of the Governor, one of whom must be a
372 consumer advocate.

373 (e) A designee of the President of the Senate.

374 (f) A designee of the Speaker of the House of
375 Representatives.

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376 (3) The Office of Insurance Regulation shall convene a
377 consumer advisory workgroup for the purpose of providing a forum
378 for comment on the compact negotiated in subsection (2). The
379 office shall convene the workgroup prior to finalization of the
380 compact.

381 (4) The agreement shall include the following components:

382 (a) A requirement that each signatory to the agreement
383 increase coverage for behavior analysis and behavior assistant
384 services and speech therapy, physical therapy, and occupational
385 therapy due to the presence of a developmental disability for
386 producing and maintaining improvements in communication, human
387 behavior, and skill acquisition, including the the reduction of
388 problematic behavior.

389 (b) Procedures for clear and specific notice to
390 policyholders identifying the amount, scope, and conditions
391 under which coverage is provided for behavior analysis and
392 behavior assistant services and speech therapy, physical
393 therapy, and occupational therapy when medically necessary due
394 to the presence of a developmental disability.

395 (c) Penalties for documented cases of denial of claims for
396 medically necessary services due to the presence of a
397 developmental disability.

398 (d) Proposals for new product lines that may be offered in
399 conjunction with traditional health insurance and provide a more
400 appropriate means of spreading risk, financing costs, and
401 accessing favorable prices.

402 (5) Upon completion of the negotiations for the compact,
403 the office shall report the results to the Governor, the

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404 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
405 Representatives.

406 (6) Beginning February 15, 2009, and continuing annually
407 thereafter, the Office of Insurance Regulation shall provide a
408 report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
409 Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding the
410 implementation of the agreement negotiated under this section.

411 The report shall include:

412 (a) The signatories to the agreement.

413 (b) An analysis of the coverage provided under the
414 agreement in comparison to the coverage required under ss.
415 627.6686 and 641.31098.

416 (c) An analysis of the compliance with the agreement by
417 the signatories, including documented cases of claims denied in
418 violation of the agreement.

419 (7) The Office of Insurance Regulation shall continue to
420 monitor participation, compliance, and effectiveness of the
421 agreement and report its findings at least annually.

422 (8) As used in this section, the term "developmental
423 disabilities" includes:

424 (a) The term as defined in s. 393.063;

425 (b) Down syndrome, a genetic disorder caused by the
426 presence of extra chromosomal material on chromosome 21. Causes
427 of the syndrome may include Trisomy 21, Mosaicism, Robertsonian
428 Translocation, and other duplications of a portion of chromosome
429 21; and

430 (c) Autism spectrum disorder means any of the following
431 disorders as defined in the most recent edition of the

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432 Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders of the
433 American Psychiatric Association:

- 434 1. Autistic disorder.
435 2. Asperger's syndrome.
436 3. Pervasive developmental disorder not otherwise
437 specified.

438 Section 8. Section 627.6686, Florida Statutes, is created
439 to read:

440 627.6686 Coverage for individuals with developmental
441 disabilities required; exception.--

442 (1) This section and section 641.31098, may be cited as the
443 "Steven A. Geller Developmental Disabilities Coverage Act."

444 (2) As used in this section, the term:

445 (a) "Applied behavior analysis" means the design,
446 implementation, and evaluation of environmental modifications,
447 using behavioral stimuli and consequences, to produce socially
448 significant improvement in human behavior, including, but not
449 limited to, the use of direct observation, measurement, and
450 functional analysis of the relations between environment and
451 behavior.

452 (b) "Developmental disabilities" means the term as defined
453 in s. 624.916.

454 (c) "Eligible individual" means an individual under 18
455 years of age or an individual 18 years of age or older who is in
456 high school who has been diagnosed as having a developmental
457 disability at 8 years of age or younger.

458 (d) "Health insurance plan" means a group health insurance
459 policy or group health benefit plan offered by an insurer which

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460 includes the state group insurance program provided under s.
461 110.123. The term does not include any health insurance plan
462 offered in the individual market, any health insurance plan that
463 is individually underwritten, or any health insurance plan
464 provided to a small employer.

465 (e) "Insurer" means an insurer providing health insurance
466 coverage, which is licensed to engage in the business of
467 insurance in this state and is subject to insurance regulation.

468 (3) A health insurance plan issued or renewed on or after
469 April 1, 2009, shall provide coverage to an eligible individual
470 for:

471 (a) Well-baby and well-child screening for diagnosing the
472 presence of a developmental disability .

473 (b) Treatment of a developmental disability through speech
474 therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and applied
475 behavior analysis to produce and maintain improvements in
476 communication, human behavior, and skill acquisition, including
477 the the reduction of problematic behavior. Applied behavior
478 analysis services shall be provided by an individual certified
479 pursuant to s. 393.17 or an individual licensed under chapter
480 490 or chapter 491.

481 (4) The coverage required pursuant to subsection (3) is
482 subject to the following requirements:

483 (a) Coverage shall be limited to treatment that is
484 prescribed by the insured's treating physician in accordance
485 with a treatment plan.

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486 (b) Coverage for the services described in subsection (3)
487 shall be limited to \$36,000 annually and may not exceed \$200,000
488 in total lifetime benefits.

489 (c) Coverage may not be denied on the basis that provided
490 services are habilitative in nature.

491 (d) Coverage may be subject to other general exclusions
492 and limitations of the insurer's policy or plan, including, but
493 not limited to, coordination of benefits, participating provider
494 requirements, restrictions on services provided by family or
495 household members, and utilization review of health care
496 services, including the review of medical necessity, case
497 management, and other managed care provisions.

498 (5) The coverage required pursuant to subsection (3) may
499 not be subject to dollar limits, deductibles, or coinsurance
500 provisions that are less favorable to an insured than the dollar
501 limits, deductibles, or coinsurance provisions that apply to
502 physical illnesses that are generally covered under the health
503 insurance plan, except as otherwise provided in subsection (4).

504 (6) An insurer may not deny or refuse to issue coverage
505 for medically necessary services, refuse to contract with, or
506 refuse to renew or reissue or otherwise terminate or restrict
507 coverage for an individual because the individual is diagnosed
508 as having a developmental disability.

509 (7) The treatment plan required pursuant to subsection (4)
510 shall include all elements necessary for the health insurance
511 plan to appropriately pay claims. These elements include, but
512 are not limited to, a diagnosis, the proposed treatment by type,
513 the frequency and duration of treatment, the anticipated

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514 outcomes stated as goals, the frequency with which the treatment
515 plan will be updated, and the signature of the treating
516 physician.

517 (8) Beginning January 1, 2011, the maximum benefit under
518 paragraph (4) (b) shall be adjusted annually on January 1 of each
519 calendar year to reflect any change from the previous year in
520 the medical component of the then current Consumer Price Index
521 for all urban consumers, published by the Bureau of Labor
522 Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

523 (9) This section may not be construed as limiting benefits
524 and coverage otherwise available to an insured under a health
525 insurance plan.

526 (10) The Office of Insurance Regulation may not enforce
527 this section against an insurer that is a signatory no later
528 than April 1, 2009, to the developmental disabilities compact
529 established under s. 624.916. The Office of Insurance Regulation
530 shall enforce this section against an insurer that is a
531 signatory to the compact established under s. 624.916 if the
532 insurer has not complied with the terms of the compact for all
533 health insurance plans by April 1, 2010.

534 Section 9. Section 641.31098, Florida Statutes, is created
535 to read:

536 641.31098 Coverage for individuals with developmental
537 disabilities.--

538 (1) This section and section 627.6686, may be cited as the
539 "Steven A. Geller Developmental Disabilities Coverage Act."

540 (2) As used in this section, the term:

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541 (a) "Applied behavior analysis" means the design,
542 implementation, and evaluation of environmental modifications,
543 using behavioral stimuli and consequences, to produce socially
544 significant improvement in human behavior, including, but not
545 limited to, the use of direct observation, measurement, and
546 functional analysis of the relations between environment and
547 behavior.

548 (b) "Developmental disabilities" means the term as defined
549 in s. 624.916.

550 (c) "Eligible individual" means an individual under 18
551 years of age or an individual 18 years of age or older who is in
552 high school who has been diagnosed as having a developmental
553 disability at 8 years of age or younger.

554 (d) "Health maintenance contract" means a group health
555 maintenance contract offered by a health maintenance
556 organization. This term does not include a health maintenance
557 contract offered in the individual market, a health maintenance
558 contract that is individually underwritten, or a health
559 maintenance contract provided to a small employer.

560 (3) A health maintenance contract issued or renewed on or
561 after April 1, 2009, shall provide coverage to an eligible
562 individual for:

563 (a) Well-baby and well-child screening for diagnosing the
564 presence of a developmental disability .

565 (b) Treatment of a developmental disability through
566 speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and
567 applied behavior analysis services to produce and maintain
568 improvements in communication, human behavior, and skill

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569 acquisition, including the the reduction of problematic
570 behavior. Applied behavior analysis services shall be provided
571 by an individual certified pursuant to s. 393.17 or an
572 individual licensed under chapter 490 or chapter 491.

573 (4) The coverage required pursuant to subsection (3) is
574 subject to the following requirements:

575 (a) Coverage shall be limited to treatment that is
576 prescribed by the subscriber's treating physician in accordance
577 with a treatment plan.

578 (b) Coverage for the services described in subsection (3)
579 shall be limited to \$36,000 annually and may not exceed \$200,000
580 in total benefits.

581 (c) Coverage may not be denied on the basis that provided
582 services are habilitative in nature.

583 (d) Coverage may be subject to general exclusions and
584 limitations of the subscriber's contract, including, but not
585 limited to, coordination of benefits, participating provider
586 requirements, and utilization review of health care services,
587 including the review of medical necessity, case management, and
588 other managed care provisions.

589 (5) The coverage required pursuant to subsection (3) may
590 not be subject to dollar limits, deductibles, or coinsurance
591 provisions that are less favorable to a subscriber than the
592 dollar limits, deductibles, or coinsurance provisions that apply
593 to physical illnesses that are generally covered under the
594 subscriber's contract, except as otherwise provided in
595 subsection (4).

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596 (6) A health maintenance organization may not deny or
597 refuse to issue coverage for medically necessary services,
598 refuse to contract with, or refuse to renew or reissue or
599 otherwise terminate or restrict coverage for an individual
600 solely because the individual is diagnosed as having a
601 developmental disability.

602 (7) The treatment plan required pursuant to subsection (4)
603 shall include, but is not limited to, a diagnosis, the proposed
604 treatment by type, the frequency and duration of treatment, the
605 anticipated outcomes stated as goals, the frequency with which
606 the treatment plan will be updated, and the signature of the
607 treating physician.

608 (8) Beginning January 1, 2011, the maximum benefit under
609 paragraph (4)(b) shall be adjusted annually on January 1 of each
610 calendar year to reflect any change from the previous year in
611 the medical component of the then current Consumer Price Index
612 for all urban consumers, published by the Bureau of Labor
613 Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

614 (9) The Office of Insurance Regulation may not enforce
615 this section against a health maintenance organization that is a
616 signatory no later than April 1, 2009, to the developmental
617 disabilities compact established under s. 624.916. The Office of
618 Insurance Regulation shall enforce this section against a health
619 maintenance organization that is a signatory to the compact
620 established under s. 624.916 if the health maintenance
621 organization has not complied with the terms of the compact for
622 all health maintenance contracts by April 1, 2010.

623 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.

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Remove lines 325-374 and insert:

amending s. 409.8132, F.S.; revising provisions relating to enrollment in the Medikids program component of Florida Kidcare; providing for the Agency for Health Care Administration to assign family members to the same managed care plan or Medicaid provider, under certain circumstances; amending s. 409.8134, F.S.; providing limitations on year-round enrollment for premium assistance; amending s. 409.814, F.S.; revising conditions for eligibility for premium assistance for the Florida Kidcare Program; providing limitations on enrollment in the Medikids program after January 1, 2009; providing for enrollment of new applicants in the Florida Healthy Kids program; revising duties of the board of directors of the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation regarding enrollment limitations; providing for notification to certain managed care plans or MediPass providers prior to termination of a child's eligibility for Florida Kidcare; providing for certain information relating to eligibility to be obtained electronically; providing an exemption from certain requirements for individuals who pay the full cost of the Florida Kidcare premium; amending s. 409.815, F.S.; revising provisions relating to health benefits coverage for specified services to include habilitative and behavior analysis services; providing definitions; limiting the lifetime

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652 maximum of health benefits coverage for certain services;
653 amending s. 409.818, F.S.; revising timeframe for
654 redetermination or reverification of eligibility for Florida
655 Kidcare; amending s. 409.906, F.S.; creating the "Window of
656 Opportunity Act"; authorizing the Agency for Health Care
657 Administration to seek federal approval through a state plan
658 amendment to provide home and community-based services for
659 autism spectrum disorder and other development disabilities;
660 specifying eligibility criteria; specifying limitations on
661 provision of benefits; requiring reports to the Legislature;
662 requiring legislative approval for implementation of certain
663 provisions; amending s. 409.91, F.S.; revising duties of the
664 Florida Healthy Kids Corporation; creating s. 624.916, F.S.;
665 creating the "Window of Opportunity Act"; directing the Office
666 of Insurance Regulation to establish a workgroup to develop and
667 execute a compact relating to coverage for insured persons with
668 development disabilities; providing for membership of the
669 workgroup; requiring the workgroup to convene within a specified
670 period of time; directing the office to establish a consumer
671 advisory workgroup and providing purpose thereof; requiring the
672 compact to contain specified components; requiring reports to
673 the Governor and the Legislature; creating s. 627.6686, F.S.;
674 creating the Steven A. Geller Autism Coverage Act"; providing
675 health insurance coverage for individuals with autism spectrum
676 disorder; providing definitions; providing coverage for certain
677 screening to diagnose and treat autism spectrum disorder;
678 providing limitations on coverage; providing for eligibility
679 standards for benefits and coverage; prohibiting insurers from

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680 denying coverage under certain circumstances; specifying
681 required elements of a treatment plan; providing, beginning
682 January 1, 2011, that the maximum benefit shall be adjusted
683 annually; clarifying that the section may not be construed as
684 limiting benefits and coverage otherwise available to an insured
685 under a health insurance plan; prohibiting the Office of
686 Insurance Regulation from enforcing certain provisions against
687 insurers that are signatories to the developmental disabilities
688 compact by a specified date; creating s. 641.31098, F.S.;
689 providing coverage under a health maintenance contract for
690 individuals with autism spectrum disorder; providing
691 definitions; providing coverage for certain screening to
692 diagnose and treat autism spectrum disorder; providing
693 limitations on coverage; providing for eligibility standards for
694 benefits and coverage; prohibiting health maintenance
695 organizations from denying coverage under certain circumstances;
696 specifying required elements of a treatment plan; providing,
697 beginning January 1, 2011, that the maximum benefit shall be
698 adjusted annually; prohibiting the Office of Insurance
699 Regulation from enforcing certain provisions against health
700 maintenance organizations that are signatories to the
701 developmental disabilities compact by a specified date;
702 providing an effective date.

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