

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, 2008.