

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to medical assistance eligibility of
 3 inmates; creating s. 409.9025, F.S.; providing for
 4 suspension of medical assistance for certain incarcerated
 5 persons while such persons are inmates; providing an
 6 exception; providing for eligibility following release
 7 from incarceration; providing that, to the extent
 8 permitted under federal law, the time during which such
 9 person is an inmate shall not be included in any
 10 calculation of when the person must recertify his or her
 11 eligibility; providing that this section is subject to an
 12 appropriation; providing an effective date.

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

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 16 Section 1. Section 409.9025, Florida Statutes, is created
 17 to read:

18 409.9025 Eligibility while inmate.--

19 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law other than
 20 s. 409.9021, in the event that a person who is an inmate in the
 21 state's correctional system as defined in s. 944.02, in a county
 22 detention facility as defined in s. 951.23, or in a municipal
 23 detention facility as defined in s. 951.23 was in receipt of
 24 medical assistance under this chapter immediately prior to being
 25 admitted as an inmate, such person shall remain eligible for
 26 medical assistance while an inmate, except that no medical
 27 assistance shall be furnished under this chapter for any care,
 28 services, or supplies provided during such time as the person is

29 an inmate; however, nothing in this section shall be deemed as
30 preventing the provision of medical assistance for inpatient
31 hospital services furnished to an inmate at a hospital outside
32 of the premises of the inmate's facility to the extent that
33 federal financial participation is available for the costs of
34 such services.

35 (2) Upon release from incarceration, such person shall
36 continue to be eligible for receipt of medical assistance
37 furnished under this chapter until such time as the person is
38 otherwise determined to no longer be eligible for such
39 assistance.

40 (3) To the extent permitted by federal law, the time
41 during which such person is an inmate shall not be included in
42 any calculation of when the person must recertify his or her
43 eligibility for medical assistance in accordance with this
44 chapter.

45 (4) Implementation and enforcement of this section is
46 subject to a specific appropriation in the General
47 Appropriations Act.

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