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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to Medicaid assistance for breast and cervical cancer treatment; amending s. 409.904, F.S.; authorizing Medicaid reimbursement for medical assistance provided to certain persons for treatment of breast or cervical cancer; revising eligibility standards for certain Medicaid optional medical assistance; providing definitions; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 409.904, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

409.904 Optional payments for eligible persons.—The agency may make payments for medical assistance and related services on behalf of the following persons who are determined to be eligible subject to the income, assets, and categorical eligibility tests set forth in federal and state law. Payment on behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the availability of moneys and any limitations established by the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

(9) (a) Eligible women with incomes at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level and under age 65, for cancer treatment pursuant to the federal Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act of 2000, screened through the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program established under s. 381.93 or screened and diagnosed by a licensed provider.

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(b) A woman who has not attained 65 years of age who has been screened for breast or cervical cancer by a qualified entity under the Mary Brogan Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program of the Department of Health or by a licensed provider and requires treatment for breast or cervical cancer and is not otherwise covered under creditable coverage, as defined in s. 2701(c) of the Public Health Service Act. An assets test is not required to determine eligibility under this paragraph. A presumptive eligibility period begins on the date upon which all eligibility criteria are met and ends on the date upon which a determination is made with respect to the eligibility of a woman for services under the state plan or, in the case of a woman who does not file an application, on the last day of the month following the month in which the presumptive eligibility determination is made. A woman is eligible under this paragraph until she gains creditable coverage, until treatment is no longer necessary, or until she attains 65 years of age.

- (c) For purposes of this subsection, the term:
- 1. "Qualified entity" means a county public health department or other entity that has contracted with the Department of Health to provide the breast and cervical cancer screening services paid for under this subsection.
- 2. "Licensed provider" means a qualified health care provider licensed under chapter 458, chapter 459, or chapter 461.
  - Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.