

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the personal needs allowance; amending  
 3           s. 409.904, F.S.; increasing the monthly personal needs  
 4           allowance for certain eligible persons; providing an  
 5           effective date.

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

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 9           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
 10   409.904, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

11           409.904 Optional payments for eligible persons.--The  
 12   agency may make payments for medical assistance and related  
 13   services on behalf of the following persons who are determined  
 14   to be eligible subject to the income, assets, and categorical  
 15   eligibility tests set forth in federal and state law. Payment on  
 16   behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the  
 17   availability of moneys and any limitations established by the  
 18   General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

19           (3) A person who is in need of the services of a licensed  
 20   nursing facility, a licensed intermediate care facility for the  
 21   developmentally disabled, or a state mental hospital, whose  
 22   income does not exceed 300 percent of the SSI income standard,  
 23   and who meets the assets standards established under federal and  
 24   state law. In determining the person's responsibility for the  
 25   cost of care, the following amounts must be deducted from the  
 26   person's income:

27           (a) The monthly personal needs allowance for residents,  
 28   which shall be \$70 per month ~~as set based on appropriations.~~

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.