

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the personal needs allowance; amending
 3 s. 409.904, F.S.; revising 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, 2010.