

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Medicaid; amending s. 393.0661, F.S.,
3 relating to the home and community-based services delivery
4 system for persons with developmental disabilities;
5 providing for an establishment of an iBudget demonstration
6 project by the Agency for Persons with Disabilities, in
7 consultation with the Agency for Health Care
8 Administration, in specified counties; providing for
9 allocation of funds; providing goals; providing for an
10 allocation algorithm and methodology for development of a
11 client's iBudget; providing for the seeking of federal
12 approval and waivers; providing for a transition to full
13 implementation; providing for inapplicability of certain
14 service limitations; providing for setting rates;
15 providing for client training and education; providing for
16 evaluation; requiring a report; requiring rulemaking;
17 requiring the Agency for Persons with Disabilities to
18 establish a transition plan for current Medicaid
19 recipients under certain circumstances; providing for
20 expiration of the section on a specified date; creating s.
21 400.0713, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health Care
22 Administration to establish a nursing home licensure
23 workgroup; amending s. 408.040, F.S.; providing for
24 suspension of conditions precedent to the issuance of a
25 certificate of need for a nursing home, effective on a
26 specified date; amending s. 408.0435, F.S.; extending the
27 certificate-of-need moratorium for additional community
28 nursing home beds; designating ss. 409.016-409.803, F.S.,

29 | as pt. I of ch. 409, F.S., and entitling the part "Social
30 | and Economic Assistance"; designating ss. 409.810-409.821,
31 | F.S., as pt. II of ch. 409, F.S., and entitling the part
32 | "Kidcare"; designating ss. 409.901-409.9205, F.S., as part
33 | III of ch. 409, F.S., and entitling the part "Medicaid";
34 | amending s. 409.907, F.S.; authorizing the Agency for
35 | Health Care Administration to enroll entities as Medicare
36 | crossover-only providers for payment and claims processing
37 | purposes only; specifying requirements for Medicare
38 | crossover-only agreements; amending s. 409.908, F.S.;
39 | providing penalties for providers that fail to report
40 | suspension or disenrollment from Medicare within a
41 | specified time; amending s. 409.912, F.S.; authorizing
42 | provider service networks to provide comprehensive
43 | behavioral health care services to certain Medicaid
44 | recipients; providing payment requirements for provider
45 | service networks; providing for the expiration of various
46 | provisions of the section on specified dates to conform to
47 | the reorganization of Medicaid managed care; requiring the
48 | Agency for Health Care Administration to contract on a
49 | prepaid or fixed-sum basis with certain prepaid dental
50 | health plans; requiring Medicaid-eligible children with
51 | open child welfare cases who reside in AHCA area 10 to be
52 | enrolled in specified capitated managed care plans;
53 | eliminating obsolete provisions and updating provisions
54 | within the section; amending ss. 409.91195 and 409.91196,
55 | F.S.; conforming cross-references; amending s. 409.91207,
56 | F.S.; providing authority of the Agency for Health Care

57 Administration with respect to the development of a method
58 for designating qualified plans as a medical home network;
59 providing purposes and principles for creating medical
60 home networks; providing criteria for designation of a
61 qualified plan as a medical home network; providing agency
62 duties with respect thereto; amending s. 409.91211, F.S. ;
63 providing authority of the Agency for Health Care
64 Administration to implement a managed care pilot program
65 based on specified waiver authority with respect to the
66 Medicaid reform program; continuing the existing pilot
67 program in specified counties; requiring the agency to
68 seek an extension of the waiver; providing for monthly
69 reports; requiring approval of the Legislative Budget
70 Commission for changes to specified terms and conditions ;
71 providing for expansion of the managed care pilot program
72 to Miami-Dade County; specifying managed care plans that
73 are qualified to participate in the Medicaid managed care
74 pilot program; providing requirements for qualified
75 managed care plans; requiring the agency to develop and
76 seek federal approval to implement methodologies to
77 preserve intergovernmental transfers of funds and
78 certified public expenditures from Miami-Dade County;
79 requiring the agency to submit a plan and specified
80 amendment to the Legislative Budget Commission; providing
81 for a report; requiring Medicaid recipients in counties in
82 which the managed care pilot program has been implemented
83 to be enrolled in a qualified plan; providing a time limit
84 for enrollment; requiring the agency to provide choice

85 | counseling; providing requirements with respect to choice
86 | counseling information provided to Medicaid recipients;
87 | providing for automatic enrollment of certain Medicaid
88 | recipients; establishing criteria for automatic
89 | enrollment; providing procedures and requirements with
90 | respect to voluntary disenrollment of a recipient in a
91 | qualified plan; providing for an enrollment period;
92 | requiring qualified plans to establish a process for
93 | review of and response to grievances of enrollees;
94 | requiring qualified plans to submit quarterly reports;
95 | specifying services to be covered by qualified plans;
96 | authorizing qualified plans to offer specified
97 | customizations, variances, and coverage for additional
98 | services; requiring agency evaluation of proposed benefit
99 | packages; requiring qualified plans to reimburse the
100 | agency for the cost of specified enrollment changes;
101 | providing for access to encounter data; requiring
102 | participating plans to establish an incentive program to
103 | reward healthy behaviors; requiring the agency to continue
104 | budget-neutral adjustment of capitation rates for all
105 | prepaid plans in existing managed care pilot program
106 | counties; providing for transition to payment
107 | methodologies for Miami-Dade County plans; providing a
108 | phased schedule for risk-adjusted capitation rates;
109 | providing for immediate risk adjustment of rates for plans
110 | owned and operated by a public hospital in the county;
111 | providing a method to ensure budget neutrality until all
112 | rates in the county are risk-adjusted; requiring the

113 agency to submit an amendment to the Legislative Budget
114 Commission requesting authority for payments; requiring
115 the establishment of a technical advisory panel; providing
116 for distribution of funds from a low-income pool;
117 specifying purposes for such distribution; requiring the
118 agency to maintain and operate the Medicaid Encounter Data
119 System; requiring the agency to contract with the
120 University of Florida for evaluation of the pilot program;
121 requiring the agency to establish a specified initiative
122 and publish certain information; amending s. 409.9122,
123 F.S.; eliminating outdated provisions; providing for the
124 expiration of various provisions of the section on
125 specified dates to conform to the reorganization of
126 Medicaid managed care; requiring the Agency for Health
127 Care Administration to begin a budget-neutral adjustment
128 of capitation rates for all Medicaid prepaid plans in the
129 state on a specified date; providing the basis for the
130 adjustment; providing a phased schedule for risk adjusted
131 capitation rates; providing for the establishment of a
132 technical advisory panel; requiring the agency to develop
133 a process to enable any recipient with access to employer
134 sponsored insurance to opt out of qualified plans in the
135 Medicaid program; requiring the agency, contingent on
136 federal approval, to enable recipients with access to
137 other insurance or related products providing access to
138 specified health care services to opt out of qualified
139 plans in the Medicaid program; providing a limitation on
140 the amount of financial assistance provided for each

141 recipient; requiring each qualified plan to establish an
142 incentive program that rewards specific healthy behaviors;
143 requiring plans to maintain a specified reserve account;
144 requiring the agency to maintain and operate the Medicaid
145 Encounter Data System; requiring the agency to conduct a
146 review of encounter data and publish the results of the
147 review prior to adjusting rates for prepaid plans;
148 requiring the agency to establish a designated payment for
149 specified Medicare Advantage Special Needs members;
150 authorizing the agency to develop a designated payment for
151 Medicaid-only covered services for which the state is
152 responsible; requiring the agency to establish, and
153 managed care plans to use, a uniform method of accounting
154 for and reporting of medical and nonmedical costs;
155 requiring reimbursement by Medicaid of school districts
156 participating in a certified school match program for a
157 Medicaid-eligible child participating in the services,
158 effective on a specified date; requiring the agency, the
159 Department of Health, and the Department of Education to
160 develop procedures for ensuring that a student's managed
161 care plan receives information relating to services
162 provided; authorizing the Agency for Health Care
163 Administration to create exceptions to mandatory
164 enrollment in managed care under specified circumstances;
165 amending s. 430.04, F.S.; eliminating outdated provisions;
166 requiring the Department of Elderly Affairs to develop a
167 transition plan for specified elder and disabled adults
168 receiving long-term care Medicaid services when qualified

169 plans become available; providing for expiration thereof;
170 amending s. 430.2053, F.S.; eliminating outdated
171 provisions; providing additional duties of aging resource
172 centers; providing an additional exception to direct
173 services that may not be provided by an aging resource
174 center; providing for the cessation of specified payments
175 by the department as qualified plans become available;
176 providing for a memorandum of understanding between the
177 Agency for Health Care Administration and aging resource
178 centers under certain circumstances; eliminating
179 provisions requiring reports; amending s. 641.386, F.S.;
180 conforming a cross-reference; repealing s. 430.701, F.S.,
181 relating to legislative findings and intent and approval
182 for action relating to provider enrollment levels;
183 repealing s. 430.702, F.S., relating to the Long-Term Care
184 Community Diversion Pilot Project Act; repealing s.
185 430.703, F.S., relating to definitions; repealing s.
186 430.7031, F.S., relating to nursing home transition
187 program; repealing s. 430.704, F.S., relating to
188 evaluation of long-term care through the pilot projects;
189 repealing s. 430.705, F.S., relating to implementation of
190 long-term care community diversion pilot projects;
191 repealing s. 430.706, F.S., relating to quality of care;
192 repealing s. 430.707, F.S., relating to contracts;
193 repealing s. 430.708, F.S., relating to certificate of
194 need; repealing s. 430.709, F.S., relating to reports and
195 evaluations; renumbering ss. 409.9301, 409.942, 409.944,
196 409.945, 409.946, 409.953, and 409.9531, F.S., as ss.

197 402.81, 402.82, 402.83, 402.84, 402.85, 402.86, and
 198 402.87, F.S., respectively; amending s. 443.111, F.S.;
 199 conforming a cross-reference; providing contingent
 200 effective dates.

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

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 204 Section 1. Section 393.0661, Florida Statutes, is amended
 205 to read:

206 393.0661 Home and community-based services delivery
 207 system; comprehensive redesign.—The Legislature finds that the
 208 home and community-based services delivery system for persons
 209 with developmental disabilities and the availability of
 210 appropriated funds are two of the critical elements in making
 211 services available. Therefore, it is the intent of the
 212 Legislature that the Agency for Persons with Disabilities shall
 213 develop and implement a comprehensive redesign of the system.

214 (1) The redesign of the home and community-based services
 215 system shall include, at a minimum, all actions necessary to
 216 achieve an appropriate rate structure, client choice within a
 217 specified service package, appropriate assessment strategies, an
 218 efficient billing process that contains reconciliation and
 219 monitoring components, a redefined role for support coordinators
 220 that avoids potential conflicts of interest, and ensures that
 221 family/client budgets are linked to levels of need.

222 (a) The agency shall use an assessment instrument that is
 223 reliable and valid. The agency may contract with an external
 224 vendor or may use support coordinators to complete client

225 assessments if it develops sufficient safeguards and training to
226 ensure ongoing inter-rater reliability.

227 (b) The agency, with the concurrence of the Agency for
228 Health Care Administration, may contract for the determination
229 of medical necessity and establishment of individual budgets.

230 (2) A provider of services rendered to persons with
231 developmental disabilities pursuant to a federally approved
232 waiver shall be reimbursed according to a rate methodology based
233 upon an analysis of the expenditure history and prospective
234 costs of providers participating in the waiver program, or under
235 any other methodology developed by the Agency for Health Care
236 Administration, in consultation with the Agency for Persons with
237 Disabilities, and approved by the Federal Government in
238 accordance with the waiver.

239 (3) The Agency for Health Care Administration, in
240 consultation with the agency, shall seek federal approval and
241 implement a four-tiered waiver system to serve eligible clients
242 through the developmental disabilities and family and supported
243 living waivers. The agency shall assign all clients receiving
244 services through the developmental disabilities waiver to a tier
245 based on a valid assessment instrument, client characteristics,
246 and other appropriate assessment methods.

247 (a) Tier one is limited to clients who have service needs
248 that cannot be met in tier two, three, or four for intensive
249 medical or adaptive needs and that are essential for avoiding
250 institutionalization, or who possess behavioral problems that
251 are exceptional in intensity, duration, or frequency and present
252 a substantial risk of harm to themselves or others.

253 (b) Tier two is limited to clients whose service needs
254 include a licensed residential facility and who are authorized
255 to receive a moderate level of support for standard residential
256 habilitation services or a minimal level of support for behavior
257 focus residential habilitation services, or clients in supported
258 living who receive more than 6 hours a day of in-home support
259 services. Total annual expenditures under tier two may not
260 exceed \$55,000 per client each year.

261 (c) Tier three includes, but is not limited to, clients
262 requiring residential placements, clients in independent or
263 supported living situations, and clients who live in their
264 family home. Total annual expenditures under tier three may not
265 exceed \$35,000 per client each year.

266 (d) Tier four is the family and supported living waiver
267 and includes, but is not limited to, clients in independent or
268 supported living situations and clients who live in their family
269 home. Total annual expenditures under tier four may not exceed
270 \$14,792 per client each year.

271 (e) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall also
272 seek federal approval to provide a consumer-directed option for
273 persons with developmental disabilities which corresponds to the
274 funding levels in each of the waiver tiers. The agency shall
275 implement the four-tiered waiver system beginning with tiers
276 one, three, and four and followed by tier two. The agency and
277 the Agency for Health Care Administration may adopt rules
278 necessary to administer this subsection.

279 (f) The agency shall seek federal waivers and amend
280 contracts as necessary to make changes to services defined in

281 federal waiver programs administered by the agency as follows:

282 1. Supported living coaching services may not exceed 20
283 hours per month for persons who also receive in-home support
284 services.

285 2. Limited support coordination services is the only type
286 of support coordination service that may be provided to persons
287 under the age of 18 who live in the family home.

288 3. Personal care assistance services are limited to 180
289 hours per calendar month and may not include rate modifiers.
290 Additional hours may be authorized for persons who have
291 intensive physical, medical, or adaptive needs if such hours are
292 essential for avoiding institutionalization.

293 4. Residential habilitation services are limited to 8
294 hours per day. Additional hours may be authorized for persons
295 who have intensive medical or adaptive needs and if such hours
296 are essential for avoiding institutionalization, or for persons
297 who possess behavioral problems that are exceptional in
298 intensity, duration, or frequency and present a substantial risk
299 of harming themselves or others. This restriction shall be in
300 effect until the four-tiered waiver system is fully implemented.

301 5. Chore services, nonresidential support services, and
302 homemaker services are eliminated. The agency shall expand the
303 definition of in-home support services to allow the service
304 provider to include activities previously provided in these
305 eliminated services.

306 6. Massage therapy, medication review, and psychological
307 assessment services are eliminated.

308 7. The agency shall conduct supplemental cost plan reviews

309 to verify the medical necessity of authorized services for plans
310 that have increased by more than 8 percent during either of the
311 2 preceding fiscal years.

312 8. The agency shall implement a consolidated residential
313 habilitation rate structure to increase savings to the state
314 through a more cost-effective payment method and establish
315 uniform rates for intensive behavioral residential habilitation
316 services.

317 9. Pending federal approval, the agency may extend current
318 support plans for clients receiving services under Medicaid
319 waivers for 1 year beginning July 1, 2007, or from the date
320 approved, whichever is later. Clients who have a substantial
321 change in circumstances which threatens their health and safety
322 may be reassessed during this year in order to determine the
323 necessity for a change in their support plan.

324 10. The agency shall develop a plan to eliminate
325 redundancies and duplications between in-home support services,
326 companion services, personal care services, and supported living
327 coaching by limiting or consolidating such services.

328 11. The agency shall develop a plan to reduce the
329 intensity and frequency of supported employment services to
330 clients in stable employment situations who have a documented
331 history of at least 3 years' employment with the same company or
332 in the same industry.

333 (4) The geographic differential for Miami-Dade, Broward,
334 and Palm Beach Counties for residential habilitation services
335 shall be 7.5 percent.

336 (5) The geographic differential for Monroe County for

337 residential habilitation services shall be 20 percent.

338 (6) Effective January 1, 2010, and except as otherwise
339 provided in this section, a client served by the home and
340 community-based services waiver or the family and supported
341 living waiver funded through the agency shall have his or her
342 cost plan adjusted to reflect the amount of expenditures for the
343 previous state fiscal year plus 5 percent if such amount is less
344 than the client's existing cost plan. The agency shall use
345 actual paid claims for services provided during the previous
346 fiscal year that are submitted by October 31 to calculate the
347 revised cost plan amount. If the client was not served for the
348 entire previous state fiscal year or there was any single change
349 in the cost plan amount of more than 5 percent during the
350 previous state fiscal year, the agency shall set the cost plan
351 amount at an estimated annualized expenditure amount plus 5
352 percent. The agency shall estimate the annualized expenditure
353 amount by calculating the average of monthly expenditures,
354 beginning in the fourth month after the client enrolled,
355 interrupted services are resumed, or the cost plan was changed
356 by more than 5 percent and ending on August 31, 2009, and
357 multiplying the average by 12. In order to determine whether a
358 client was not served for the entire year, the agency shall
359 include any interruption of a waiver-funded service or services
360 lasting at least 18 days. If at least 3 months of actual
361 expenditure data are not available to estimate annualized
362 expenditures, the agency may not rebase a cost plan pursuant to
363 this subsection. The agency may not rebase the cost plan of any
364 client who experiences a significant change in recipient

365 condition or circumstance which results in a change of more than
366 5 percent to his or her cost plan between July 1 and the date
367 that a rebased cost plan would take effect pursuant to this
368 subsection.

369 (7) Nothing in this section or in any administrative rule
370 shall be construed to prevent or limit the Agency for Health
371 Care Administration, in consultation with the Agency for Persons
372 with Disabilities, from adjusting fees, reimbursement rates,
373 lengths of stay, number of visits, or number of services, or
374 from limiting enrollment, or making any other adjustment
375 necessary to comply with the availability of moneys and any
376 limitations or directions provided for in the General
377 Appropriations Act.

378 (8) The Agency for Persons with Disabilities shall submit
379 quarterly status reports to the Executive Office of the
380 Governor, the chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee or
381 its successor, and the chair of the House Fiscal Council or its
382 successor regarding the financial status of home and community-
383 based services, including the number of enrolled individuals who
384 are receiving services through one or more programs; the number
385 of individuals who have requested services who are not enrolled
386 but who are receiving services through one or more programs,
387 with a description indicating the programs from which the
388 individual is receiving services; the number of individuals who
389 have refused an offer of services but who choose to remain on
390 the list of individuals waiting for services; the number of
391 individuals who have requested services but who are receiving no
392 services; a frequency distribution indicating the length of time

393 individuals have been waiting for services; and information
394 concerning the actual and projected costs compared to the amount
395 of the appropriation available to the program and any projected
396 surpluses or deficits. If at any time an analysis by the agency,
397 in consultation with the Agency for Health Care Administration,
398 indicates that the cost of services is expected to exceed the
399 amount appropriated, the agency shall submit a plan in
400 accordance with subsection (7) to the Executive Office of the
401 Governor, the chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee or
402 its successor, and the chair of the House Fiscal Council or its
403 successor to remain within the amount appropriated. The agency
404 shall work with the Agency for Health Care Administration to
405 implement the plan so as to remain within the appropriation.

406 (9) (a) The agency, in consultation with the Agency for
407 Health Care Administration, shall establish an individual
408 budget, referred to as an iBudget, demonstration project for
409 each individual served through the Medicaid waiver program in
410 Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, and Walton Counties, which
411 comprise area one of the agency. For the purpose of this
412 subsection, the Medicaid waiver program includes the four-tiered
413 waiver system established in subsection (3) or the Consumer
414 Directed Care Plus Medicaid waiver program. The funds
415 appropriated to the agency and used for Medicaid waiver program
416 services to individuals in the demonstration project area shall
417 be allocated through the iBudget system to eligible, Medicaid-
418 enrolled clients. The iBudget system shall be designed to
419 provide for enhanced client choice within a specified service
420 package, appropriate assessment strategies, an efficient

421 consumer budgeting and billing process that includes
422 reconciliation and monitoring components, a redefined role for
423 support coordinators that avoids potential conflicts of
424 interest, a flexible and streamlined service review process, and
425 a methodology and process that ensure the equitable allocation
426 of available funds to each client based on the client's level of
427 need, as determined by the variables in the allocation
428 algorithm.

429 1. In developing each client's iBudget, the agency shall
430 use an allocation algorithm and methodology. The algorithm shall
431 use variables that have been determined by the agency to have a
432 statistically validated relationship to the client's level of
433 need for services provided through the Medicaid waiver program.
434 The algorithm and methodology may consider individual
435 characteristics, including, but not limited to, a client's age
436 and living situation, information from a formal assessment
437 instrument that the agency determines is valid and reliable, and
438 information from other assessment processes.

439 2. The allocation methodology shall provide the algorithm
440 that determines the amount of funds allocated to a client's
441 iBudget. The agency may approve an increase in the amount of
442 funds allocated, as determined by the algorithm, based on the
443 client's having one or more of the following needs that cannot
444 be accommodated within the funding as determined by the
445 algorithm and having no other resources, supports, or services
446 available to meet those needs:

447 a. An extraordinary need that would place the health and
448 safety of the client, the client's caregiver, or the public in

449 immediate, serious jeopardy unless the increase is approved. An
 450 extraordinary need may include, but is not limited to:

451 (I) A documented history of significant, potentially life-
 452 threatening behaviors, such as recent attempts at suicide,
 453 arson, nonconsensual sexual behavior, or self-injurious behavior
 454 requiring medical attention;

455 (II) A complex medical condition that requires active
 456 intervention by a licensed nurse on an ongoing basis that cannot
 457 be taught or delegated to a nonlicensed person;

458 (III) A chronic co-morbid condition. As used in this sub-
 459 sub-subparagraph, the term "co-morbid condition" means a medical
 460 condition existing simultaneously with but independently of
 461 another medical condition in a patient; or

462 (IV) A need for total physical assistance with activities
 463 such as eating, bathing, toileting, grooming, and personal
 464 hygiene.

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 466 However, the presence of an extraordinary need alone does not
 467 warrant an increase in the amount of funds allocated to a
 468 client's iBudget as determined by the algorithm.

469 b. A significant need for one-time or temporary support or
 470 services that, if not provided, would place the health and
 471 safety of the client, the client's caregiver, or the public in
 472 serious jeopardy unless the increase is approved. A significant
 473 need may include, but is not limited to, the provision of
 474 environmental modifications, durable medical equipment, services
 475 to address the temporary loss of support from a caregiver, or
 476 special services or treatment for a serious temporary condition

477 when the service or treatment is expected to ameliorate the
478 underlying condition. As used in this sub-subparagraph, the term
479 "temporary" means lasting for a period of less than 12
480 consecutive months. However, the presence of such significant
481 need for one-time or temporary support or services alone does
482 not warrant an increase in the amount of funds allocated to a
483 client's iBudget as determined by the algorithm.

484 c. A significant increase in the need for services after
485 the beginning of the service plan year that would place the
486 health and safety of the client, the client's caregiver, or the
487 public in serious jeopardy because of substantial changes in the
488 client's circumstances, including, but not limited to, permanent
489 or long-term loss or incapacity of a caregiver, loss of services
490 authorized under the state Medicaid plan due to a change in age,
491 or a significant change in medical or functional status that
492 requires the provision of additional services on a permanent or
493 long-term basis that cannot be accommodated within the client's
494 current iBudget. As used in this sub-subparagraph, the term
495 "long-term" means lasting for a period of more than 12
496 continuous months. However, such significant increase in need
497 for services of a permanent or long-term nature alone does not
498 warrant an increase in the amount of funds allocated to a
499 client's iBudget as determined by the algorithm.

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501 The agency shall reserve portions of the appropriation for the
502 home and community-based services Medicaid waiver program for
503 adjustments required pursuant to this subparagraph and may use

504 the services of an independent actuary in determining the amount
505 of the portions to be reserved.

506 3. A client's iBudget shall be the total of the amount
507 determined by the algorithm and any additional funding provided
508 under subparagraph 2. A client's annual expenditures for
509 Medicaid waiver services may not exceed the limits of his or her
510 iBudget.

511 (b) The Agency for Health Care Administration, in
512 consultation with the agency, shall seek federal approval for
513 the iBudget demonstration project and amend current waivers,
514 request a new waiver if appropriate, and amend contracts as
515 necessary to implement the iBudget system to serve eligible,
516 enrolled clients in the demonstration project area through the
517 Medicaid waiver program.

518 (c) The agency shall transition all eligible, enrolled
519 clients in the demonstration project area to the iBudget system.
520 The agency may gradually phase in the iBudget system with full
521 implementation by January 1, 2013.

522 1. The agency shall design the phase-in process to ensure
523 that a client does not experience more than one-half of any
524 expected overall increase or decrease to his or her existing
525 annualized cost plan during the first year that the client is
526 provided an iBudget due solely to the transition to the iBudget
527 system. However, all iBudgets in the demonstration project area
528 must be fully phased in by January 1, 2013.

529 (d) A client must use all available services authorized
530 under the state Medicaid plan, school-based services, private
531 insurance and other benefits, and any other resources that may

532 be available to the client before using funds from his or her
533 iBudget to pay for support and services.

534 (e) The service limitations in subparagraphs (3)(f)1., 2.,
535 and 3. shall not apply to the iBudget system.

536 (f) Rates for any or all services established under rules
537 of the agency shall be designated as the maximum rather than a
538 fixed amount for individuals who receive an iBudget, except for
539 services specifically identified in those rules that the agency
540 determines are not appropriate for negotiation, which may
541 include, but are not limited to, residential habilitation
542 services.

543 (g) The agency shall ensure that clients and caregivers in
544 the demonstration project area have access to training and
545 education to inform them about the iBudget system and enhance
546 their ability for self-direction. Such training shall be offered
547 in a variety of formats and, at a minimum, shall address the
548 policies and processes of the iBudget system; the roles and
549 responsibilities of consumers, caregivers, waiver support
550 coordinators, providers, and the agency; information available
551 to help the client make decisions regarding the iBudget system;
552 and examples of support and resources available in the
553 community.

554 (h)1. The agency, in consultation with the Agency for
555 Health Care Administration, shall prepare a design plan for the
556 purchase of an evaluation by an independent contractor. The
557 design plan to evaluate the iBudget demonstration project shall
558 be submitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of

559 the House of Representatives for approval not later than
560 December 31, 2010.

561 2. The agency shall prepare an evaluation that shall
562 include, at a minimum, an analysis of cost savings, cost
563 containment, and budget predictability. In addition, the
564 evaluation shall review the demonstration with regard to
565 consumer education, quality of care, affects on choice of and
566 access to services, and satisfaction of demonstration project
567 participants. The agency shall submit the evaluation report to
568 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of
569 the House of Representatives no later than December 31, 2013.

570 (i) The agency shall adopt rules specifying the allocation
571 algorithm and methodology; criteria and processes for clients to
572 access reserved funds for extraordinary needs, temporarily or
573 permanently changed needs, and one-time needs; and processes and
574 requirements for selection and review of services, development
575 of support and cost plans, and management of the iBudget system
576 as needed to administer this subsection.

577 (10) The agency shall develop a transition plan for
578 recipients who are receiving services in one of the four waiver
579 tiers at the time qualified plans are available in each
580 recipient's region pursuant to s. 409.989(3) to enroll those
581 recipients in qualified plans.

582 (11) This section expires October 1, 2015.

583 Section 2. Section 400.0713, Florida Statutes, is created
584 to read:

585 400.0713 Nursing home licensure workgroup.—The agency
586 shall establish a workgroup to develop a plan for licensure

587 flexibility to assist nursing homes in developing comprehensive
 588 long-term care service capabilities.

589 Section 3. Paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (1) of
 590 section 408.040, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

591 408.040 Conditions and monitoring.—

592 (1)

593 (b) The agency may consider, in addition to the other
 594 criteria specified in s. 408.035, a statement of intent by the
 595 applicant that a specified percentage of the annual patient days
 596 at the facility will be utilized by patients eligible for care
 597 under Title XIX of the Social Security Act. Any certificate of
 598 need issued to a nursing home in reliance upon an applicant's
 599 statements that a specified percentage of annual patient days
 600 will be utilized by residents eligible for care under Title XIX
 601 of the Social Security Act must include a statement that such
 602 certification is a condition of issuance of the certificate of
 603 need. The certificate-of-need program shall notify the Medicaid
 604 program office and the Department of Elderly Affairs when it
 605 imposes conditions as authorized in this paragraph in an area in
 606 which a community diversion pilot project is implemented.

607 Effective July 1, 2011, the agency shall not consider, or impose
 608 conditions related to, patient day utilization by patients
 609 eligible for care under Title XIX the Social Security Act in
 610 making certificate-of-need determinations for nursing homes.

611 (d) If a nursing home is located in a county in which a
 612 long-term care community diversion pilot project has been
 613 implemented under s. 430.705 ~~or in a county in which an~~
 614 ~~integrated, fixed-payment delivery program for Medicaid~~

615 ~~recipients who are 60 years of age or older or dually eligible~~
616 ~~for Medicare and Medicaid has been implemented under s.~~
617 ~~409.912(5)~~, the nursing home may request a reduction in the
618 percentage of annual patient days used by residents who are
619 eligible for care under Title XIX of the Social Security Act,
620 which is a condition of the nursing home's certificate of need.
621 The agency shall automatically grant the nursing home's request
622 if the reduction is not more than 15 percent of the nursing
623 home's annual Medicaid-patient-days condition. A nursing home
624 may submit only one request every 2 years for an automatic
625 reduction. A requesting nursing home must notify the agency in
626 writing at least 60 days in advance of its intent to reduce its
627 annual Medicaid-patient-days condition by not more than 15
628 percent. The agency must acknowledge the request in writing and
629 must change its records to reflect the revised certificate-of-
630 need condition. This paragraph expires June 30, 2011.

631 Section 4. Subsection (1) of section 408.0435, Florida
632 Statutes, is amended to read:

633 408.0435 Moratorium on nursing home certificates of need.—

634 (1) Notwithstanding the establishment of need as provided
635 for in this chapter, a certificate of need for additional
636 community nursing home beds may not be approved by the agency
637 until after Medicaid managed care is implemented statewide
638 pursuant to ss. 409.961-409.992, or October 1, 2015, whichever
639 is earlier July 1, 2011.

640 Section 5. Sections 409.016 through 409.803, Florida
641 Statutes, are designated as part I of chapter 409, Florida
642 Statutes, and entitled "SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE."

643 Section 6. Sections 409.810 through 409.821, Florida
 644 Statutes, are designated as part II of chapter 409, Florida
 645 Statutes, and entitled "KIDCARE."

646 Section 7. Sections 409.901 through 409.9205, Florida
 647 Statutes, are designated as part III of chapter 409, Florida
 648 Statutes, and entitled "MEDICAID."

649 Section 8. Subsection (5) of section 409.907, Florida
 650 Statutes, is amended to read:

651 409.907 Medicaid provider agreements.—The agency may make
 652 payments for medical assistance and related services rendered to
 653 Medicaid recipients only to an individual or entity who has a
 654 provider agreement in effect with the agency, who is performing
 655 services or supplying goods in accordance with federal, state,
 656 and local law, and who agrees that no person shall, on the
 657 grounds of handicap, race, color, or national origin, or for any
 658 other reason, be subjected to discrimination under any program
 659 or activity for which the provider receives payment from the
 660 agency.

661 (5) The agency:

662 (a) Is required to make timely payment at the established
 663 rate for services or goods furnished to a recipient by the
 664 provider upon receipt of a properly completed claim form. The
 665 claim form shall require certification that the services or
 666 goods have been completely furnished to the recipient and that,
 667 with the exception of those services or goods specified by the
 668 agency, the amount billed does not exceed the provider's usual
 669 and customary charge for the same services or goods.

670 (b) Is prohibited from demanding repayment from the

671 provider in any instance in which the Medicaid overpayment is
672 attributable to error of the department in the determination of
673 eligibility of a recipient.

674 (c) May adopt, and include in the provider agreement, such
675 other requirements and stipulations on either party as the
676 agency finds necessary to properly and efficiently administer
677 the Medicaid program.

678 (d) May enroll entities as Medicare crossover-only
679 providers for payment and claims processing purposes only. The
680 provider agreement shall:

681 1. Require that the provider is an eligible Medicare
682 provider, has a current provider agreement in place with the
683 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and provides
684 verification that the provider is currently in good standing
685 with the agency.

686 2. Require that the provider notify the agency
687 immediately, in writing, upon being suspended or disenrolled as
688 a Medicare provider. If a provider does not provide such
689 notification within 5 business days after suspension or
690 disenrollment, sanctions may be imposed pursuant to this chapter
691 and the provider may be required to return funds paid to the
692 provider during the period of time that the provider was
693 suspended or disenrolled as a Medicare provider.

694 3. Require that all records pertaining to health care
695 services provided to each of the provider's recipients be kept
696 for a minimum of 5 years. The agreement shall also require that
697 records and information relating to payments claimed by the
698 provider for services under the agreement be delivered to the

699 agency or the Office of the Attorney General Medicaid Fraud
 700 Control Unit when requested. If a provider does not provide such
 701 records and information when requested, sanctions may be imposed
 702 pursuant to this chapter.

703 4. Disclose that the agreement is for the purposes of
 704 paying and processing Medicare crossover claims only.

705
 706 This paragraph pertains solely to Medicare crossover-only
 707 providers. In order to become a standard Medicaid provider, the
 708 other requirements of this section and applicable rules must be
 709 met.

710 Section 9. Subsection (24) is added to section 409.908,
 711 Florida Statutes, to read:

712 409.908 Reimbursement of Medicaid providers.—Subject to
 713 specific appropriations, the agency shall reimburse Medicaid
 714 providers, in accordance with state and federal law, according
 715 to methodologies set forth in the rules of the agency and in
 716 policy manuals and handbooks incorporated by reference therein.
 717 These methodologies may include fee schedules, reimbursement
 718 methods based on cost reporting, negotiated fees, competitive
 719 bidding pursuant to s. 287.057, and other mechanisms the agency
 720 considers efficient and effective for purchasing services or
 721 goods on behalf of recipients. If a provider is reimbursed based
 722 on cost reporting and submits a cost report late and that cost
 723 report would have been used to set a lower reimbursement rate
 724 for a rate semester, then the provider's rate for that semester
 725 shall be retroactively calculated using the new cost report, and
 726 full payment at the recalculated rate shall be effected

727 retroactively. Medicare-granted extensions for filing cost
 728 reports, if applicable, shall also apply to Medicaid cost
 729 reports. Payment for Medicaid compensable services made on
 730 behalf of Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the
 731 availability of moneys and any limitations or directions
 732 provided for in the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.
 733 Further, nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent
 734 or limit the agency from adjusting fees, reimbursement rates,
 735 lengths of stay, number of visits, or number of services, or
 736 making any other adjustments necessary to comply with the
 737 availability of moneys and any limitations or directions
 738 provided for in the General Appropriations Act, provided the
 739 adjustment is consistent with legislative intent.

740 (24) If a provider fails to notify the agency within 5
 741 business days after suspension or disenrollment from Medicare,
 742 sanctions may be imposed pursuant to this chapter and the
 743 provider may be required to return funds paid to the provider
 744 during the period of time that the provider was suspended or
 745 disenrolled as a Medicare provider.

746 Section 10. Section 409.912, Florida Statutes, is amended
 747 to read:

748 409.912 Cost-effective purchasing of health care.—The
 749 agency shall purchase goods and services for Medicaid recipients
 750 in the most cost-effective manner consistent with the delivery
 751 of quality medical care. To ensure that medical services are
 752 effectively utilized, the agency may, in any case, require a
 753 confirmation or second physician's opinion of the correct
 754 diagnosis for purposes of authorizing future services under the

755 Medicaid program. This section does not restrict access to
756 emergency services or poststabilization care services as defined
757 in 42 C.F.R. part 438.114. Such confirmation or second opinion
758 shall be rendered in a manner approved by the agency. The agency
759 shall maximize the use of prepaid per capita and prepaid
760 aggregate fixed-sum basis services when appropriate and other
761 alternative service delivery and reimbursement methodologies,
762 including competitive bidding pursuant to s. 287.057, designed
763 to facilitate the cost-effective purchase of a case-managed
764 continuum of care. The agency shall also require providers to
765 minimize the exposure of recipients to the need for acute
766 inpatient, custodial, and other institutional care and the
767 inappropriate or unnecessary use of high-cost services. The
768 agency shall contract with a vendor to monitor and evaluate the
769 clinical practice patterns of providers in order to identify
770 trends that are outside the normal practice patterns of a
771 provider's professional peers or the national guidelines of a
772 provider's professional association. The vendor must be able to
773 provide information and counseling to a provider whose practice
774 patterns are outside the norms, in consultation with the agency,
775 to improve patient care and reduce inappropriate utilization.
776 The agency may mandate prior authorization, drug therapy
777 management, or disease management participation for certain
778 populations of Medicaid beneficiaries, certain drug classes, or
779 particular drugs to prevent fraud, abuse, overuse, and possible
780 dangerous drug interactions. The Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics
781 Committee shall make recommendations to the agency on drugs for
782 which prior authorization is required. The agency shall inform

783 the Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee of its decisions
784 regarding drugs subject to prior authorization. The agency is
785 authorized to limit the entities it contracts with or enrolls as
786 Medicaid providers by developing a provider network through
787 provider credentialing. The agency may competitively bid single-
788 source-provider contracts if procurement of goods or services
789 results in demonstrated cost savings to the state without
790 limiting access to care. The agency may limit its network based
791 on the assessment of beneficiary access to care, provider
792 availability, provider quality standards, time and distance
793 standards for access to care, the cultural competence of the
794 provider network, demographic characteristics of Medicaid
795 beneficiaries, practice and provider-to-beneficiary standards,
796 appointment wait times, beneficiary use of services, provider
797 turnover, provider profiling, provider licensure history,
798 previous program integrity investigations and findings, peer
799 review, provider Medicaid policy and billing compliance records,
800 clinical and medical record audits, and other factors. Providers
801 shall not be entitled to enrollment in the Medicaid provider
802 network. The agency shall determine instances in which allowing
803 Medicaid beneficiaries to purchase durable medical equipment and
804 other goods is less expensive to the Medicaid program than long-
805 term rental of the equipment or goods. The agency may establish
806 rules to facilitate purchases in lieu of long-term rentals in
807 order to protect against fraud and abuse in the Medicaid program
808 as defined in s. 409.913. The agency may seek federal waivers
809 necessary to administer these policies.

810 (1) The agency shall work with the Department of Children

811 and Family Services to ensure access of children and families in
 812 the child protection system to needed and appropriate mental
 813 health and substance abuse services. This subsection expires
 814 October 1, 2013.

815 (2) The agency may enter into agreements with appropriate
 816 agents of other state agencies or of any agency of the Federal
 817 Government and accept such duties in respect to social welfare
 818 or public aid as may be necessary to implement the provisions of
 819 Title XIX of the Social Security Act and ss. 409.901-409.920.
 820 This subsection expires October 1, 2015.

821 (3) The agency may contract with health maintenance
 822 organizations certified pursuant to part I of chapter 641 for
 823 the provision of services to recipients. This subsection expires
 824 October 1, 2013.

825 (4) The agency may contract with:

826 (a) An entity that provides no prepaid health care
 827 services other than Medicaid services under contract with the
 828 agency and which is owned and operated by a county, county
 829 health department, or county-owned and operated hospital to
 830 provide health care services on a prepaid or fixed-sum basis to
 831 recipients, which entity may provide such prepaid services
 832 either directly or through arrangements with other providers.
 833 Such prepaid health care services entities must be licensed
 834 under parts I and III of chapter 641. An entity recognized under
 835 this paragraph which demonstrates to the satisfaction of the
 836 Office of Insurance Regulation of the Financial Services
 837 Commission that it is backed by the full faith and credit of the
 838 county in which it is located may be exempted from s. 641.225.

839 This paragraph expires October 1, 2013.

840 (b) An entity that is providing comprehensive behavioral
 841 health care services to certain Medicaid recipients through a
 842 capitated, prepaid arrangement pursuant to the federal waiver
 843 provided for by s. 409.905(5). Such entity must be licensed
 844 under chapter 624, chapter 636, or chapter 641, or authorized
 845 under paragraph (c) or paragraph (d), and must possess the
 846 clinical systems and operational competence to manage risk and
 847 provide comprehensive behavioral health care to Medicaid
 848 recipients. As used in this paragraph, the term "comprehensive
 849 behavioral health care services" means covered mental health and
 850 substance abuse treatment services that are available to
 851 Medicaid recipients. The secretary of the Department of Children
 852 and Family Services shall approve provisions of procurements
 853 related to children in the department's care or custody before
 854 enrolling such children in a prepaid behavioral health plan. Any
 855 contract awarded under this paragraph must be competitively
 856 procured. In developing the behavioral health care prepaid plan
 857 procurement document, the agency shall ensure that the
 858 procurement document requires the contractor to develop and
 859 implement a plan to ensure compliance with s. 394.4574 related
 860 to services provided to residents of licensed assisted living
 861 facilities that hold a limited mental health license. Except as
 862 provided in subparagraph 5. ~~8.~~, and except in counties where the
 863 Medicaid managed care pilot program is authorized pursuant to s.
 864 409.91211, the agency shall seek federal approval to contract
 865 with a single entity meeting these requirements to provide
 866 comprehensive behavioral health care services to all Medicaid

867 recipients not enrolled in a Medicaid managed care plan
868 authorized under s. 409.91211, a provider service network as
869 described in paragraph (d), or a Medicaid health maintenance
870 organization in an AHCA area. In an AHCA area where the Medicaid
871 managed care pilot program is authorized pursuant to s.
872 409.91211 in one or more counties, the agency may procure a
873 contract with a single entity to serve the remaining counties as
874 an AHCA area or the remaining counties may be included with an
875 adjacent AHCA area and are subject to this paragraph. Each
876 entity must offer a sufficient choice of providers in its
877 network to ensure recipient access to care and the opportunity
878 to select a provider with whom they are satisfied. The network
879 shall include all public mental health hospitals. To ensure
880 unimpaired access to behavioral health care services by Medicaid
881 recipients, all contracts issued pursuant to this paragraph must
882 require 80 percent of the capitation paid to the managed care
883 plan, including health maintenance organizations and capitated
884 provider service networks, to be expended for the provision of
885 behavioral health care services. If the managed care plan
886 expends less than 80 percent of the capitation paid for the
887 provision of behavioral health care services, the difference
888 shall be returned to the agency. The agency shall provide the
889 plan with a certification letter indicating the amount of
890 capitation paid during each calendar year for behavioral health
891 care services pursuant to this section. The agency may reimburse
892 for substance abuse treatment services on a fee-for-service
893 basis until the agency finds that adequate funds are available
894 for capitated, prepaid arrangements.

895 1. ~~By January 1, 2001,~~ The agency shall modify the
 896 contracts with the entities providing comprehensive inpatient
 897 and outpatient mental health care services to Medicaid
 898 recipients in Hillsborough, Highlands, Hardee, Manatee, and Polk
 899 Counties, to include substance abuse treatment services.

900 ~~2. By July 1, 2003, the agency and the Department of~~
 901 ~~Children and Family Services shall execute a written agreement~~
 902 ~~that requires collaboration and joint development of all policy,~~
 903 ~~budgets, procurement documents, contracts, and monitoring plans~~
 904 ~~that have an impact on the state and Medicaid community mental~~
 905 ~~health and targeted case management programs.~~

906 ~~2.3.~~ Except as provided in subparagraph 5. 8., ~~by July 1,~~
 907 ~~2006,~~ the agency and the Department of Children and Family
 908 Services shall contract with managed care entities in each AHCA
 909 area except area 6 or arrange to provide comprehensive inpatient
 910 and outpatient mental health and substance abuse services
 911 through capitated prepaid arrangements to all Medicaid
 912 recipients who are eligible to participate in such plans under
 913 federal law and regulation. In AHCA areas where eligible
 914 individuals number less than 150,000, the agency shall contract
 915 with a single managed care plan to provide comprehensive
 916 behavioral health services to all recipients who are not
 917 enrolled in a Medicaid health maintenance organization, a
 918 provider service network as described in paragraph (d), or a
 919 Medicaid capitated managed care plan authorized under s.
 920 409.91211. The agency may contract with more than one
 921 comprehensive behavioral health provider to provide care to
 922 recipients who are not enrolled in a Medicaid capitated managed

923 | care plan authorized under s. 409.91211, a provider service
924 | network as described in paragraph (d), or a Medicaid health
925 | maintenance organization in AHCA areas where the eligible
926 | population exceeds 150,000. In an AHCA area where the Medicaid
927 | managed care pilot program is authorized pursuant to s.
928 | 409.91211 in one or more counties, the agency may procure a
929 | contract with a single entity to serve the remaining counties as
930 | an AHCA area or the remaining counties may be included with an
931 | adjacent AHCA area and shall be subject to this paragraph.
932 | Contracts for comprehensive behavioral health providers awarded
933 | pursuant to this section shall be competitively procured. Both
934 | for-profit and not-for-profit corporations are eligible to
935 | compete. Managed care plans contracting with the agency under
936 | subsection (3) or paragraph (d), shall provide and receive
937 | payment for the same comprehensive behavioral health benefits as
938 | provided in AHCA rules, including handbooks incorporated by
939 | reference. In AHCA area 11, the agency shall contract with at
940 | least two comprehensive behavioral health care providers to
941 | provide behavioral health care to recipients in that area who
942 | are enrolled in, or assigned to, the MediPass program. One of
943 | the behavioral health care contracts must be with the existing
944 | provider service network pilot project, as described in
945 | paragraph (d), for the purpose of demonstrating the cost-
946 | effectiveness of the provision of quality mental health services
947 | through a public hospital-operated managed care model. Payment
948 | shall be at an agreed-upon capitated rate to ensure cost
949 | savings. Of the recipients in area 11 who are assigned to
950 | MediPass under s. 409.9122(2)(k), a minimum of 50,000 of those

951 MediPass-enrolled recipients shall be assigned to the existing
 952 provider service network in area 11 for their behavioral care.

953 ~~4. By October 1, 2003, the agency and the department shall~~
 954 ~~submit a plan to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and~~
 955 ~~the Speaker of the House of Representatives which provides for~~
 956 ~~the full implementation of capitated prepaid behavioral health~~
 957 ~~care in all areas of the state.~~

958 ~~a. Implementation shall begin in 2003 in those AHCA areas~~
 959 ~~of the state where the agency is able to establish sufficient~~
 960 ~~capitation rates.~~

961 ~~b. If the agency determines that the proposed capitation~~
 962 ~~rate in any area is insufficient to provide appropriate~~
 963 ~~services, the agency may adjust the capitation rate to ensure~~
 964 ~~that care will be available. The agency and the department may~~
 965 ~~use existing general revenue to address any additional required~~
 966 ~~match but may not over-obligate existing funds on an annualized~~
 967 ~~basis.~~

968 ~~e. Subject to any limitations provided in the General~~
 969 ~~Appropriations Act, the agency, in compliance with appropriate~~
 970 ~~federal authorization, shall develop policies and procedures~~
 971 ~~that allow for certification of local and state funds.~~

972 3.5. Children residing in a statewide inpatient
 973 psychiatric program, or in a Department of Juvenile Justice or a
 974 Department of Children and Family Services residential program
 975 approved as a Medicaid behavioral health overlay services
 976 provider may not be included in a behavioral health care prepaid
 977 health plan or any other Medicaid managed care plan pursuant to
 978 this paragraph.

979 ~~6. In converting to a prepaid system of delivery, the~~
980 ~~agency shall in its procurement document require an entity~~
981 ~~providing only comprehensive behavioral health care services to~~
982 ~~prevent the displacement of indigent care patients by enrollees~~
983 ~~in the Medicaid prepaid health plan providing behavioral health~~
984 ~~care services from facilities receiving state funding to provide~~
985 ~~indigent behavioral health care, to facilities licensed under~~
986 ~~chapter 395 which do not receive state funding for indigent~~
987 ~~behavioral health care, or reimburse the unsubsidized facility~~
988 ~~for the cost of behavioral health care provided to the displaced~~
989 ~~indigent care patient.~~

990 4.7. Traditional community mental health providers under
991 contract with the Department of Children and Family Services
992 pursuant to part IV of chapter 394, child welfare providers
993 under contract with the Department of Children and Family
994 Services in areas 1 and 6, and inpatient mental health providers
995 licensed pursuant to chapter 395 must be offered an opportunity
996 to accept or decline a contract to participate in any provider
997 network for prepaid behavioral health services.

998 5.8. All Medicaid-eligible children, except children in
999 area 1 and children in Highlands County, Hardee County, Polk
1000 County, or Manatee County of area 6, that are open for child
1001 welfare services in the HomeSafeNet system, shall receive their
1002 behavioral health care services through a specialty prepaid plan
1003 operated by community-based lead agencies through a single
1004 agency or formal agreements among several agencies. The
1005 specialty prepaid plan must result in savings to the state
1006 comparable to savings achieved in other Medicaid managed care

1007 and prepaid programs. Such plan must provide mechanisms to
 1008 maximize state and local revenues. The specialty prepaid plan
 1009 shall be developed by the agency and the Department of Children
 1010 and Family Services. The agency may seek federal waivers to
 1011 implement this initiative. Medicaid-eligible children whose
 1012 cases are open for child welfare services in the HomeSafeNet
 1013 system and who reside in AHCA area 10 shall be enrolled in
 1014 capitated managed care plans that, in coordination with
 1015 available community-based care providers specified in s.
 1016 409.1671, provide sufficient medical, developmental, behavioral
 1017 and emotional services to meet the needs of these children. ~~are~~
 1018 ~~exempt from the specialty prepaid plan upon the development of a~~
 1019 ~~service delivery mechanism for children who reside in area 10 as~~
 1020 ~~specified in s. 409.91211(3)(dd).~~

1021
 1022 This paragraph expires October 1, 2013.

1023 (c) A federally qualified health center or an entity owned
 1024 by one or more federally qualified health centers or an entity
 1025 owned by other migrant and community health centers receiving
 1026 non-Medicaid financial support from the Federal Government to
 1027 provide health care services on a prepaid or fixed-sum basis to
 1028 recipients. A federally qualified health center or an entity
 1029 that is owned by one or more federally qualified health centers
 1030 and is reimbursed by the agency on a prepaid basis is exempt
 1031 from parts I and III of chapter 641, but must comply with the
 1032 solvency requirements in s. 641.2261(2) and meet the appropriate
 1033 requirements governing financial reserve, quality assurance, and
 1034 patients' rights established by the agency. This paragraph

1035 expires October 1, 2013.

1036 (d)1. A provider service network may be reimbursed on a
1037 fee-for-service or prepaid basis. Prepaid provider service
1038 networks receive per-member per-month payments. Provider service
1039 networks that do not choose to be prepaid plans shall receive
1040 fee-for-service rates with a shared savings settlement. The fee-
1041 for-service option shall be available to a provider service
1042 network only for the first 5 years of the plan's operation in a
1043 given region or until the contract year beginning October 1,
1044 2015, whichever is later. The agency shall annually conduct cost
1045 reconciliations to determine the amount of cost savings achieved
1046 by fee-for-service provider service networks for the dates of
1047 service in the period being reconciled. Only payments for
1048 covered services for dates of service within the reconciliation
1049 period and paid within 6 months after the last date of service
1050 in the reconciliation period shall be included. The agency shall
1051 perform the necessary adjustments for the inclusion of claims
1052 incurred but not reported within the reconciliation for claims
1053 that could be received and paid by the agency after the 6-month
1054 claims processing time lag. The agency shall provide the results
1055 of the reconciliations to the fee-for-service provider service
1056 networks within 45 days after the end of the reconciliation
1057 period. The fee-for-service provider service networks shall
1058 review and provide written comments or a letter of concurrence
1059 to the agency within 45 days after receipt of the reconciliation
1060 results. This reconciliation shall be considered final.

1061 2. A provider service network which is reimbursed by the
1062 agency on a prepaid basis shall be exempt from parts I and III

1063 of chapter 641, but must comply with the solvency requirements
 1064 in s. 641.2261(2) and meet appropriate financial reserve,
 1065 quality assurance, and patient rights requirements as
 1066 established by the agency.

1067 3. Medicaid recipients assigned to a provider service
 1068 network shall be chosen equally from those who would otherwise
 1069 have been assigned to prepaid plans and MediPass. The agency is
 1070 authorized to seek federal Medicaid waivers as necessary to
 1071 implement the provisions of this section. This subparagraph
 1072 expires October 1, 2013. ~~Any contract previously awarded to a~~
 1073 ~~provider service network operated by a hospital pursuant to this~~
 1074 ~~subsection shall remain in effect for a period of 3 years~~
 1075 ~~following the current contract expiration date, regardless of~~
 1076 ~~any contractual provisions to the contrary.~~

1077 4. A provider service network is a network established or
 1078 organized and operated by a health care provider, or group of
 1079 affiliated health care providers, including minority physician
 1080 networks and emergency room diversion programs that meet the
 1081 requirements of s. 409.91211, which provides a substantial
 1082 proportion of the health care items and services under a
 1083 contract directly through the provider or affiliated group of
 1084 providers and may make arrangements with physicians or other
 1085 health care professionals, health care institutions, or any
 1086 combination of such individuals or institutions to assume all or
 1087 part of the financial risk on a prospective basis for the
 1088 provision of basic health services by the physicians, by other
 1089 health professionals, or through the institutions. The health
 1090 care providers must have a controlling interest in the governing

1091 body of the provider service network organization.

1092 (e) An entity that provides only comprehensive behavioral
 1093 health care services to certain Medicaid recipients through an
 1094 administrative services organization agreement. Such an entity
 1095 must possess the clinical systems and operational competence to
 1096 provide comprehensive health care to Medicaid recipients. As
 1097 used in this paragraph, the term "comprehensive behavioral
 1098 health care services" means covered mental health and substance
 1099 abuse treatment services that are available to Medicaid
 1100 recipients. Any contract awarded under this paragraph must be
 1101 competitively procured. The agency must ensure that Medicaid
 1102 recipients have available the choice of at least two managed
 1103 care plans for their behavioral health care services. This
 1104 paragraph expires October 1, 2013.

1105 ~~(f) An entity that provides in-home physician services to~~
 1106 ~~test the cost-effectiveness of enhanced home-based medical care~~
 1107 ~~to Medicaid recipients with degenerative neurological diseases~~
 1108 ~~and other diseases or disabling conditions associated with high~~
 1109 ~~costs to Medicaid. The program shall be designed to serve very~~
 1110 ~~disabled persons and to reduce Medicaid reimbursed costs for~~
 1111 ~~inpatient, outpatient, and emergency department services. The~~
 1112 ~~agency shall contract with vendors on a risk-sharing basis.~~

1113 ~~(g) Children's provider networks that provide care~~
 1114 ~~coordination and care management for Medicaid-eligible pediatric~~
 1115 ~~patients, primary care, authorization of specialty care, and~~
 1116 ~~other urgent and emergency care through organized providers~~
 1117 ~~designed to service Medicaid eligibles under age 18 and~~
 1118 ~~pediatric emergency departments' diversion programs. The~~

1119 ~~networks shall provide after-hour operations, including evening~~
1120 ~~and weekend hours, to promote, when appropriate, the use of the~~
1121 ~~children's networks rather than hospital emergency departments.~~

1122 (f) ~~(h)~~ An entity authorized in s. 430.205 to contract with
1123 the agency and the Department of Elderly Affairs to provide
1124 health care and social services on a prepaid or fixed-sum basis
1125 to elderly recipients. Such prepaid health care services
1126 entities are exempt from the provisions of part I of chapter 641
1127 for the first 3 years of operation. An entity recognized under
1128 this paragraph that demonstrates to the satisfaction of the
1129 Office of Insurance Regulation that it is backed by the full
1130 faith and credit of one or more counties in which it operates
1131 may be exempted from s. 641.225. This paragraph expires October
1132 1, 2012.

1133 (g) ~~(i)~~ A Children's Medical Services Network, as defined
1134 in s. 391.021. This paragraph expires October 1, 2013.

1135 ~~(5) The Agency for Health Care Administration, in~~
1136 ~~partnership with the Department of Elderly Affairs, shall create~~
1137 ~~an integrated, fixed-payment delivery program for Medicaid~~
1138 ~~recipients who are 60 years of age or older or dually eligible~~
1139 ~~for Medicare and Medicaid. The Agency for Health Care~~
1140 ~~Administration shall implement the integrated program initially~~
1141 ~~on a pilot basis in two areas of the state. The pilot areas~~
1142 ~~shall be Area 7 and Area 11 of the Agency for Health Care~~
1143 ~~Administration. Enrollment in the pilot areas shall be on a~~
1144 ~~voluntary basis and in accordance with approved federal waivers~~
1145 ~~and this section. The agency and its program contractors and~~
1146 ~~providers shall not enroll any individual in the integrated~~

1147 ~~program because the individual or the person legally responsible~~
1148 ~~for the individual fails to choose to enroll in the integrated~~
1149 ~~program. Enrollment in the integrated program shall be~~
1150 ~~exclusively by affirmative choice of the eligible individual or~~
1151 ~~by the person legally responsible for the individual. The~~
1152 ~~integrated program must transfer all Medicaid services for~~
1153 ~~eligible elderly individuals who choose to participate into an~~
1154 ~~integrated-care management model designed to serve Medicaid~~
1155 ~~recipients in the community. The integrated program must combine~~
1156 ~~all funding for Medicaid services provided to individuals who~~
1157 ~~are 60 years of age or older or dually eligible for Medicare and~~
1158 ~~Medicaid into the integrated program, including funds for~~
1159 ~~Medicaid home and community-based waiver services; all Medicaid~~
1160 ~~services authorized in ss. 409.905 and 409.906, excluding funds~~
1161 ~~for Medicaid nursing home services unless the agency is able to~~
1162 ~~demonstrate how the integration of the funds will improve~~
1163 ~~coordinated care for these services in a less costly manner; and~~
1164 ~~Medicare coinsurance and deductibles for persons dually eligible~~
1165 ~~for Medicaid and Medicare as prescribed in s. 409.908(13).~~

1166 ~~(a) Individuals who are 60 years of age or older or dually~~
1167 ~~eligible for Medicare and Medicaid and enrolled in the~~
1168 ~~developmental disabilities waiver program, the family and~~
1169 ~~supported living waiver program, the project AIDS care waiver~~
1170 ~~program, the traumatic brain injury and spinal cord injury~~
1171 ~~waiver program, the consumer-directed care waiver program, and~~
1172 ~~the program of all-inclusive care for the elderly program, and~~
1173 ~~residents of institutional care facilities for the~~
1174 ~~developmentally disabled, must be excluded from the integrated~~

1175 ~~program.~~
 1176 ~~(b) Managed care entities who meet or exceed the agency's~~
 1177 ~~minimum standards are eligible to operate the integrated~~
 1178 ~~program. Entities eligible to participate include managed care~~
 1179 ~~organizations licensed under chapter 641, including entities~~
 1180 ~~eligible to participate in the nursing home diversion program,~~
 1181 ~~other qualified providers as defined in s. 430.703(7), community~~
 1182 ~~care for the elderly lead agencies, and other state-certified~~
 1183 ~~community service networks that meet comparable standards as~~
 1184 ~~defined by the agency, in consultation with the Department of~~
 1185 ~~Elderly Affairs and the Office of Insurance Regulation, to be~~
 1186 ~~financially solvent and able to take on financial risk for~~
 1187 ~~managed care. Community service networks that are certified~~
 1188 ~~pursuant to the comparable standards defined by the agency are~~
 1189 ~~not required to be licensed under chapter 641. Managed care~~
 1190 ~~entities who operate the integrated program shall be subject to~~
 1191 ~~s. 408.7056. Eligible entities shall choose to serve enrollees~~
 1192 ~~who are dually eligible for Medicare and Medicaid, enrollees who~~
 1193 ~~are 60 years of age or older, or both.~~

1194 ~~(c) The agency must ensure that the capitation rate-~~
 1195 ~~setting methodology for the integrated program is actuarially~~
 1196 ~~sound and reflects the intent to provide quality care in the~~
 1197 ~~least restrictive setting. The agency must also require~~
 1198 ~~integrated-program providers to develop a credentialing system~~
 1199 ~~for service providers and to contract with all Gold Seal nursing~~
 1200 ~~homes, where feasible, and exclude, where feasible, chronically~~
 1201 ~~poor performing facilities and providers as defined by the~~
 1202 ~~agency. The integrated program must develop and maintain an~~

1203 ~~informal provider grievance system that addresses provider~~
1204 ~~payment and contract problems. The agency shall also establish a~~
1205 ~~formal grievance system to address those issues that were not~~
1206 ~~resolved through the informal grievance system. The integrated~~
1207 ~~program must provide that if the recipient resides in a~~
1208 ~~noncontracted residential facility licensed under chapter 400 or~~
1209 ~~chapter 429 at the time of enrollment in the integrated program,~~
1210 ~~the recipient must be permitted to continue to reside in the~~
1211 ~~noncontracted facility as long as the recipient desires. The~~
1212 ~~integrated program must also provide that, in the absence of a~~
1213 ~~contract between the integrated-program provider and the~~
1214 ~~residential facility licensed under chapter 400 or chapter 429,~~
1215 ~~current Medicaid rates must prevail. The integrated-program~~
1216 ~~provider must ensure that electronic nursing home claims that~~
1217 ~~contain sufficient information for processing are paid within 10~~
1218 ~~business days after receipt. Alternately, the integrated-program~~
1219 ~~provider may establish a capitated payment mechanism to~~
1220 ~~prospectively pay nursing homes at the beginning of each month.~~
1221 ~~The agency and the Department of Elderly Affairs must jointly~~
1222 ~~develop procedures to manage the services provided through the~~
1223 ~~integrated program in order to ensure quality and recipient~~
1224 ~~choice.~~

1225 ~~(d) The Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government~~
1226 ~~Accountability, in consultation with the Auditor General, shall~~
1227 ~~comprehensively evaluate the pilot project for the integrated,~~
1228 ~~fixed-payment delivery program for Medicaid recipients created~~
1229 ~~under this subsection. The evaluation shall begin as soon as~~
1230 ~~Medicaid recipients are enrolled in the managed care pilot~~

1231 ~~program plans and shall continue for 24 months thereafter. The~~
 1232 ~~evaluation must include assessments of each managed care plan in~~
 1233 ~~the integrated program with regard to cost savings; consumer~~
 1234 ~~education, choice, and access to services; coordination of care,~~
 1235 ~~and quality of care. The evaluation must describe administrative~~
 1236 ~~or legal barriers to the implementation and operation of the~~
 1237 ~~pilot program and include recommendations regarding statewide~~
 1238 ~~expansion of the pilot program. The office shall submit its~~
 1239 ~~evaluation report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,~~
 1240 ~~and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than~~
 1241 ~~December 31, 2009.~~

1242 ~~(c) The agency may seek federal waivers or Medicaid state~~
 1243 ~~plan amendments and adopt rules as necessary to administer the~~
 1244 ~~integrated program. The agency may implement the approved~~
 1245 ~~federal waivers and other provisions as specified in this~~
 1246 ~~subsection.~~

1247 ~~(f) No later than December 31, 2007, the agency shall~~
 1248 ~~provide a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,~~
 1249 ~~and the Speaker of the House of Representatives containing an~~
 1250 ~~analysis of the merits and challenges of seeking a waiver to~~
 1251 ~~implement a voluntary program that integrates payments and~~
 1252 ~~services for dually enrolled Medicare and Medicaid recipients~~
 1253 ~~who are 65 years of age or older.~~

1254 ~~(g) The implementation of the integrated, fixed-payment~~
 1255 ~~delivery program created under this subsection is subject to an~~
 1256 ~~appropriation in the General Appropriations Act.~~

1257 (5) ~~(6)~~ The agency may contract with any public or private
 1258 entity otherwise authorized by this section on a prepaid or

1259 fixed-sum basis for the provision of health care services to
 1260 recipients. An entity may provide prepaid services to
 1261 recipients, either directly or through arrangements with other
 1262 entities, if each entity involved in providing services:

1263 (a) Is organized primarily for the purpose of providing
 1264 health care or other services of the type regularly offered to
 1265 Medicaid recipients;

1266 (b) Ensures that services meet the standards set by the
 1267 agency for quality, appropriateness, and timeliness;

1268 (c) Makes provisions satisfactory to the agency for
 1269 insolvency protection and ensures that neither enrolled Medicaid
 1270 recipients nor the agency will be liable for the debts of the
 1271 entity;

1272 (d) Submits to the agency, if a private entity, a
 1273 financial plan that the agency finds to be fiscally sound and
 1274 that provides for working capital in the form of cash or
 1275 equivalent liquid assets excluding revenues from Medicaid
 1276 premium payments equal to at least the first 3 months of
 1277 operating expenses or \$200,000, whichever is greater;

1278 (e) Furnishes evidence satisfactory to the agency of
 1279 adequate liability insurance coverage or an adequate plan of
 1280 self-insurance to respond to claims for injuries arising out of
 1281 the furnishing of health care;

1282 (f) Provides, through contract or otherwise, for periodic
 1283 review of its medical facilities and services, as required by
 1284 the agency; and

1285 (g) Provides organizational, operational, financial, and
 1286 other information required by the agency.

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This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

~~(6)-(7)~~ The agency may contract on a prepaid or fixed-sum basis with any health insurer that:

(a) Pays for health care services provided to enrolled Medicaid recipients in exchange for a premium payment paid by the agency;

(b) Assumes the underwriting risk; and

(c) Is organized and licensed under applicable provisions of the Florida Insurance Code and is currently in good standing with the Office of Insurance Regulation.

This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

~~(7)-(8)-(a)~~ The agency may contract on a prepaid or fixed-sum basis with an exclusive provider organization to provide health care services to Medicaid recipients provided that the exclusive provider organization meets applicable managed care plan requirements in this section, ss. 409.9122, 409.9123, 409.9128, and 627.6472, and other applicable provisions of law.

This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

~~(b) For a period of no longer than 24 months after the effective date of this paragraph, when a member of an exclusive provider organization that is contracted by the agency to provide health care services to Medicaid recipients in rural areas without a health maintenance organization obtains services from a provider that participates in the Medicaid program in this state, the provider shall be paid in accordance with the appropriate fee schedule for services provided to eligible~~

1315 ~~Medicaid recipients. The agency may seek waiver authority to~~
 1316 ~~implement this paragraph.~~

1317 (8)~~(9)~~ The Agency for Health Care Administration may
 1318 provide cost-effective purchasing of chiropractic services on a
 1319 fee-for-service basis to Medicaid recipients through
 1320 arrangements with a statewide chiropractic preferred provider
 1321 organization incorporated in this state as a not-for-profit
 1322 corporation. The agency shall ensure that the benefit limits and
 1323 prior authorization requirements in the current Medicaid program
 1324 shall apply to the services provided by the chiropractic
 1325 preferred provider organization. This subsection expires October
 1326 1, 2013.

1327 (9)~~(10)~~ The agency shall not contract on a prepaid or
 1328 fixed-sum basis for Medicaid services with an entity which knows
 1329 or reasonably should know that any officer, director, agent,
 1330 managing employee, or owner of stock or beneficial interest in
 1331 excess of 5 percent common or preferred stock, or the entity
 1332 itself, has been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or
 1333 entered a plea of nolo contendere, or guilty, to:

1334 (a) Fraud;

1335 (b) Violation of federal or state antitrust statutes,
 1336 including those proscribing price fixing between competitors and
 1337 the allocation of customers among competitors;

1338 (c) Commission of a felony involving embezzlement, theft,
 1339 forgery, income tax evasion, bribery, falsification or
 1340 destruction of records, making false statements, receiving
 1341 stolen property, making false claims, or obstruction of justice;
 1342 or

1343 (d) Any crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates
 1344 to the provision of health services on a prepaid or fixed-sum
 1345 basis.

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 1347 This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

1348 ~~(10)-(11)~~ The agency, after notifying the Legislature, may
 1349 apply for waivers of applicable federal laws and regulations as
 1350 necessary to implement more appropriate systems of health care
 1351 for Medicaid recipients and reduce the cost of the Medicaid
 1352 program to the state and federal governments and shall implement
 1353 such programs, after legislative approval, within a reasonable
 1354 period of time after federal approval. These programs must be
 1355 designed primarily to reduce the need for inpatient care,
 1356 custodial care and other long-term or institutional care, and
 1357 other high-cost services. Prior to seeking legislative approval
 1358 of such a waiver as authorized by this subsection, the agency
 1359 shall provide notice and an opportunity for public comment.
 1360 Notice shall be provided to all persons who have made requests
 1361 of the agency for advance notice and shall be published in the
 1362 Florida Administrative Weekly not less than 28 days prior to the
 1363 intended action. This subsection expires October 1, 2015.

1364 ~~(11)-(12)~~ The agency shall establish a postpayment
 1365 utilization control program designed to identify recipients who
 1366 may inappropriately overuse or underuse Medicaid services and
 1367 shall provide methods to correct such misuse. This subsection
 1368 expires October 1, 2013.

1369 ~~(12)-(13)~~ The agency shall develop and provide coordinated
 1370 systems of care for Medicaid recipients and may contract with

1371 public or private entities to develop and administer such
 1372 systems of care among public and private health care providers
 1373 in a given geographic area. This subsection expires October 1,
 1374 2013.

1375 (13)-(14)-(a) The agency shall operate or contract for the
 1376 operation of utilization management and incentive systems
 1377 designed to encourage cost-effective use of services and to
 1378 eliminate services that are medically unnecessary. The agency
 1379 shall track Medicaid provider prescription and billing patterns
 1380 and evaluate them against Medicaid medical necessity criteria
 1381 and coverage and limitation guidelines adopted by rule. Medical
 1382 necessity determination requires that service be consistent with
 1383 symptoms or confirmed diagnosis of illness or injury under
 1384 treatment and not in excess of the patient's needs. The agency
 1385 shall conduct reviews of provider exceptions to peer group norms
 1386 and shall, using statistical methodologies, provider profiling,
 1387 and analysis of billing patterns, detect and investigate
 1388 abnormal or unusual increases in billing or payment of claims
 1389 for Medicaid services and medically unnecessary provision of
 1390 services. Providers that demonstrate a pattern of submitting
 1391 claims for medically unnecessary services shall be referred to
 1392 the Medicaid program integrity unit for investigation. In its
 1393 annual report, required in s. 409.913, the agency shall report
 1394 on its efforts to control overutilization as described in this
 1395 subsection paragraph. This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

1396 ~~(b) The agency shall develop a procedure for determining~~
 1397 ~~whether health care providers and service vendors can provide~~
 1398 ~~the Medicaid program using a business case that demonstrates~~

1399 ~~whether a particular good or service can offset the cost of~~
1400 ~~providing the good or service in an alternative setting or~~
1401 ~~through other means and therefore should receive a higher~~
1402 ~~reimbursement. The business case must include, but need not be~~
1403 ~~limited to:~~

1404 ~~1. A detailed description of the good or service to be~~
1405 ~~provided, a description and analysis of the agency's current~~
1406 ~~performance of the service, and a rationale documenting how~~
1407 ~~providing the service in an alternative setting would be in the~~
1408 ~~best interest of the state, the agency, and its clients.~~

1409 ~~2. A cost-benefit analysis documenting the estimated~~
1410 ~~specific direct and indirect costs, savings, performance~~
1411 ~~improvements, risks, and qualitative and quantitative benefits~~
1412 ~~involved in or resulting from providing the service. The cost-~~
1413 ~~benefit analysis must include a detailed plan and timeline~~
1414 ~~identifying all actions that must be implemented to realize~~
1415 ~~expected benefits. The Secretary of Health Care Administration~~
1416 ~~shall verify that all costs, savings, and benefits are valid and~~
1417 ~~achievable.~~

1418 ~~(c) If the agency determines that the increased~~
1419 ~~reimbursement is cost-effective, the agency shall recommend a~~
1420 ~~change in the reimbursement schedule for that particular good or~~
1421 ~~service. If, within 12 months after implementing any rate change~~
1422 ~~under this procedure, the agency determines that costs were not~~
1423 ~~offset by the increased reimbursement schedule, the agency may~~
1424 ~~revert to the former reimbursement schedule for the particular~~
1425 ~~good or service.~~

1426 ~~(14)-(15)~~ (a) The agency shall operate the Comprehensive

1427 Assessment and Review for Long-Term Care Services (CARES)
1428 nursing facility preadmission screening program to ensure that
1429 Medicaid payment for nursing facility care is made only for
1430 individuals whose conditions require such care and to ensure
1431 that long-term care services are provided in the setting most
1432 appropriate to the needs of the person and in the most
1433 economical manner possible. The CARES program shall also ensure
1434 that individuals participating in Medicaid home and community-
1435 based waiver programs meet criteria for those programs,
1436 consistent with approved federal waivers.

1437 (b) The agency shall operate the CARES program through an
1438 interagency agreement with the Department of Elderly Affairs.
1439 The agency, in consultation with the Department of Elderly
1440 Affairs, may contract for any function or activity of the CARES
1441 program, including any function or activity required by 42
1442 C.F.R. part 483.20, relating to preadmission screening and
1443 resident review.

1444 (c) Prior to making payment for nursing facility services
1445 for a Medicaid recipient, the agency must verify that the
1446 nursing facility preadmission screening program has determined
1447 that the individual requires nursing facility care and that the
1448 individual cannot be safely served in community-based programs.
1449 The nursing facility preadmission screening program shall refer
1450 a Medicaid recipient to a community-based program if the
1451 individual could be safely served at a lower cost and the
1452 recipient chooses to participate in such program. For
1453 individuals whose nursing home stay is initially funded by
1454 Medicare and Medicare coverage is being terminated for lack of

1455 progress towards rehabilitation, CARES staff shall consult with
1456 the person making the determination of progress toward
1457 rehabilitation to ensure that the recipient is not being
1458 inappropriately disqualified from Medicare coverage. If, in
1459 their professional judgment, CARES staff believes that a
1460 Medicare beneficiary is still making progress toward
1461 rehabilitation, they may assist the Medicare beneficiary with an
1462 appeal of the disqualification from Medicare coverage. The use
1463 of CARES teams to review Medicare denials for coverage under
1464 this section is authorized only if it is determined that such
1465 reviews qualify for federal matching funds through Medicaid. The
1466 agency shall seek or amend federal waivers as necessary to
1467 implement this section.

1468 (d) For the purpose of initiating immediate prescreening
1469 and diversion assistance for individuals residing in nursing
1470 homes and in order to make families aware of alternative long-
1471 term care resources so that they may choose a more cost-
1472 effective setting for long-term placement, CARES staff shall
1473 conduct an assessment and review of a sample of individuals
1474 whose nursing home stay is expected to exceed 20 days,
1475 regardless of the initial funding source for the nursing home
1476 placement. CARES staff shall provide counseling and referral
1477 services to these individuals regarding choosing appropriate
1478 long-term care alternatives. This paragraph does not apply to
1479 continuing care facilities licensed under chapter 651 or to
1480 retirement communities that provide a combination of nursing
1481 home, independent living, and other long-term care services.

1482 (e) By January 15 of each year, the agency shall submit a

1483 | report to the Legislature describing the operations of the CARES
 1484 | program. The report must describe:

1485 | 1. Rate of diversion to community alternative programs;

1486 | 2. CARES program staffing needs to achieve additional
 1487 | diversions;

1488 | 3. Reasons the program is unable to place individuals in
 1489 | less restrictive settings when such individuals desired such
 1490 | services and could have been served in such settings;

1491 | 4. Barriers to appropriate placement, including barriers
 1492 | due to policies or operations of other agencies or state-funded
 1493 | programs; and

1494 | 5. Statutory changes necessary to ensure that individuals
 1495 | in need of long-term care services receive care in the least
 1496 | restrictive environment.

1497 | (f) The Department of Elderly Affairs shall track
 1498 | individuals over time who are assessed under the CARES program
 1499 | and who are diverted from nursing home placement. By January 15
 1500 | of each year, the department shall submit to the Legislature a
 1501 | longitudinal study of the individuals who are diverted from
 1502 | nursing home placement. The study must include:

1503 | 1. The demographic characteristics of the individuals
 1504 | assessed and diverted from nursing home placement, including,
 1505 | but not limited to, age, race, gender, frailty, caregiver
 1506 | status, living arrangements, and geographic location;

1507 | 2. A summary of community services provided to individuals
 1508 | for 1 year after assessment and diversion;

1509 | 3. A summary of inpatient hospital admissions for
 1510 | individuals who have been diverted; and

1511 4. A summary of the length of time between diversion and
1512 subsequent entry into a nursing home or death.

1513 ~~(g) By July 1, 2005, the department and the Agency for~~
1514 ~~Health Care Administration shall report to the President of the~~
1515 ~~Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives regarding~~
1516 ~~the impact to the state of modifying level of care criteria to~~
1517 ~~eliminate the Intermediate II level of care.~~

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1519 This subsection expires October 1, 2012.

1520 (15)~~(16)~~(a) The agency shall identify health care
1521 utilization and price patterns within the Medicaid program which
1522 are not cost-effective or medically appropriate and assess the
1523 effectiveness of new or alternate methods of providing and
1524 monitoring service, and may implement such methods as it
1525 considers appropriate. Such methods may include disease
1526 management initiatives, an integrated and systematic approach
1527 for managing the health care needs of recipients who are at risk
1528 of or diagnosed with a specific disease by using best practices,
1529 prevention strategies, clinical-practice improvement, clinical
1530 interventions and protocols, outcomes research, information
1531 technology, and other tools and resources to reduce overall
1532 costs and improve measurable outcomes.

1533 (b) The responsibility of the agency under this subsection
1534 shall include the development of capabilities to identify actual
1535 and optimal practice patterns; patient and provider educational
1536 initiatives; methods for determining patient compliance with
1537 prescribed treatments; fraud, waste, and abuse prevention and
1538 detection programs; and beneficiary case management programs.

1539 1. The practice pattern identification program shall
 1540 evaluate practitioner prescribing patterns based on national and
 1541 regional practice guidelines, comparing practitioners to their
 1542 peer groups. The agency and its Drug Utilization Review Board
 1543 shall consult with the Department of Health and a panel of
 1544 practicing health care professionals consisting of the
 1545 following: the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
 1546 President of the Senate shall each appoint three physicians
 1547 licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459; and the Governor
 1548 shall appoint two pharmacists licensed under chapter 465 and one
 1549 dentist licensed under chapter 466 who is an oral surgeon. Terms
 1550 of the panel members shall expire at the discretion of the
 1551 appointing official. The advisory panel shall be responsible for
 1552 evaluating treatment guidelines and recommending ways to
 1553 incorporate their use in the practice pattern identification
 1554 program. Practitioners who are prescribing inappropriately or
 1555 inefficiently, as determined by the agency, may have their
 1556 prescribing of certain drugs subject to prior authorization or
 1557 may be terminated from all participation in the Medicaid
 1558 program.

1559 2. The agency shall also develop educational interventions
 1560 designed to promote the proper use of medications by providers
 1561 and beneficiaries.

1562 3. The agency shall implement a pharmacy fraud, waste, and
 1563 abuse initiative that may include a surety bond or letter of
 1564 credit requirement for participating pharmacies, enhanced
 1565 provider auditing practices, the use of additional fraud and
 1566 abuse software, recipient management programs for beneficiaries

1567 | inappropriately using their benefits, and other steps that will
 1568 | eliminate provider and recipient fraud, waste, and abuse. The
 1569 | initiative shall address enforcement efforts to reduce the
 1570 | number and use of counterfeit prescriptions.

1571 | 4. By September 30, 2002, the agency shall contract with
 1572 | an entity in the state to implement a wireless handheld clinical
 1573 | pharmacology drug information database for practitioners. The
 1574 | initiative shall be designed to enhance the agency's efforts to
 1575 | reduce fraud, abuse, and errors in the prescription drug benefit
 1576 | program and to otherwise further the intent of this paragraph.

1577 | 5. By April 1, 2006, the agency shall contract with an
 1578 | entity to design a database of clinical utilization information
 1579 | or electronic medical records for Medicaid providers. This
 1580 | system must be web-based and allow providers to review on a
 1581 | real-time basis the utilization of Medicaid services, including,
 1582 | but not limited to, physician office visits, inpatient and
 1583 | outpatient hospitalizations, laboratory and pathology services,
 1584 | radiological and other imaging services, dental care, and
 1585 | patterns of dispensing prescription drugs in order to coordinate
 1586 | care and identify potential fraud and abuse.

1587 | 6. The agency may apply for any federal waivers needed to
 1588 | administer this paragraph.

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 1590 | This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

1591 | ~~(16)-(17)~~ An entity contracting on a prepaid or fixed-sum
 1592 | basis shall meet the surplus requirements of s. 641.225. If an
 1593 | entity's surplus falls below an amount equal to the surplus
 1594 | requirements of s. 641.225, the agency shall prohibit the entity

1595 from engaging in marketing and preenrollment activities, shall
 1596 cease to process new enrollments, and may not renew the entity's
 1597 contract until the required balance is achieved. The
 1598 requirements of this subsection do not apply:

1599 (a) Where a public entity agrees to fund any deficit
 1600 incurred by the contracting entity; or

1601 (b) Where the entity's performance and obligations are
 1602 guaranteed in writing by a guaranteeing organization which:

1603 1. Has been in operation for at least 5 years and has
 1604 assets in excess of \$50 million; or

1605 2. Submits a written guarantee acceptable to the agency
 1606 which is irrevocable during the term of the contracting entity's
 1607 contract with the agency and, upon termination of the contract,
 1608 until the agency receives proof of satisfaction of all
 1609 outstanding obligations incurred under the contract.

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 1611 This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

1612 (17) ~~(18)~~ (a) The agency may require an entity contracting
 1613 on a prepaid or fixed-sum basis to establish a restricted
 1614 insolvency protection account with a federally guaranteed
 1615 financial institution licensed to do business in this state. The
 1616 entity shall deposit into that account 5 percent of the
 1617 capitation payments made by the agency each month until a
 1618 maximum total of 2 percent of the total current contract amount
 1619 is reached. The restricted insolvency protection account may be
 1620 drawn upon with the authorized signatures of two persons
 1621 designated by the entity and two representatives of the agency.
 1622 If the agency finds that the entity is insolvent, the agency may

1623 draw upon the account solely with the two authorized signatures
1624 of representatives of the agency, and the funds may be disbursed
1625 to meet financial obligations incurred by the entity under the
1626 prepaid contract. If the contract is terminated, expired, or not
1627 continued, the account balance must be released by the agency to
1628 the entity upon receipt of proof of satisfaction of all
1629 outstanding obligations incurred under this contract.

1630 (b) The agency may waive the insolvency protection account
1631 requirement in writing when evidence is on file with the agency
1632 of adequate insolvency insurance and reinsurance that will
1633 protect enrollees if the entity becomes unable to meet its
1634 obligations.

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1636 This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

1637 (18)~~(19)~~ An entity that contracts with the agency on a
1638 prepaid or fixed-sum basis for the provision of Medicaid
1639 services shall reimburse any hospital or physician that is
1640 outside the entity's authorized geographic service area as
1641 specified in its contract with the agency, and that provides
1642 services authorized by the entity to its members, at a rate
1643 negotiated with the hospital or physician for the provision of
1644 services or according to the lesser of the following:

1645 (a) The usual and customary charges made to the general
1646 public by the hospital or physician; or

1647 (b) The Florida Medicaid reimbursement rate established
1648 for the hospital or physician.

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1650 This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

1651 ~~(19)-(20)~~ When a merger or acquisition of a Medicaid
1652 prepaid contractor has been approved by the Office of Insurance
1653 Regulation pursuant to s. 628.4615, the agency shall approve the
1654 assignment or transfer of the appropriate Medicaid prepaid
1655 contract upon request of the surviving entity of the merger or
1656 acquisition if the contractor and the other entity have been in
1657 good standing with the agency for the most recent 12-month
1658 period, unless the agency determines that the assignment or
1659 transfer would be detrimental to the Medicaid recipients or the
1660 Medicaid program. To be in good standing, an entity must not
1661 have failed accreditation or committed any material violation of
1662 the requirements of s. 641.52 and must meet the Medicaid
1663 contract requirements. For purposes of this section, a merger or
1664 acquisition means a change in controlling interest of an entity,
1665 including an asset or stock purchase. This subsection expires
1666 October 1, 2013.

1667 ~~(20)-(21)~~ Any entity contracting with the agency pursuant
1668 to this section to provide health care services to Medicaid
1669 recipients is prohibited from engaging in any of the following
1670 practices or activities:

1671 (a) Practices that are discriminatory, including, but not
1672 limited to, attempts to discourage participation on the basis of
1673 actual or perceived health status.

1674 (b) Activities that could mislead or confuse recipients,
1675 or misrepresent the organization, its marketing representatives,
1676 or the agency. Violations of this paragraph include, but are not
1677 limited to:

1678 1. False or misleading claims that marketing

1679 representatives are employees or representatives of the state or
 1680 county, or of anyone other than the entity or the organization
 1681 by whom they are reimbursed.

1682 2. False or misleading claims that the entity is
 1683 recommended or endorsed by any state or county agency, or by any
 1684 other organization which has not certified its endorsement in
 1685 writing to the entity.

1686 3. False or misleading claims that the state or county
 1687 recommends that a Medicaid recipient enroll with an entity.

1688 4. Claims that a Medicaid recipient will lose benefits
 1689 under the Medicaid program, or any other health or welfare
 1690 benefits to which the recipient is legally entitled, if the
 1691 recipient does not enroll with the entity.

1692 (c) Granting or offering of any monetary or other valuable
 1693 consideration for enrollment, except as authorized by subsection
 1694 (23) ~~(24)~~.

1695 (d) Door-to-door solicitation of recipients who have not
 1696 contacted the entity or who have not invited the entity to make
 1697 a presentation.

1698 (e) Solicitation of Medicaid recipients by marketing
 1699 representatives stationed in state offices unless approved and
 1700 supervised by the agency or its agent and approved by the
 1701 affected state agency when solicitation occurs in an office of
 1702 the state agency. The agency shall ensure that marketing
 1703 representatives stationed in state offices shall market their
 1704 managed care plans to Medicaid recipients only in designated
 1705 areas and in such a way as to not interfere with the recipients'
 1706 activities in the state office.

1707 (f) Enrollment of Medicaid recipients.

1708

1709 This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

1710 ~~(21)-(22)~~ The agency may impose a fine for a violation of
 1711 this section or the contract with the agency by a person or
 1712 entity that is under contract with the agency. With respect to
 1713 any nonwillful violation, such fine shall not exceed \$2,500 per
 1714 violation. In no event shall such fine exceed an aggregate
 1715 amount of \$10,000 for all nonwillful violations arising out of
 1716 the same action. With respect to any knowing and willful
 1717 violation of this section or the contract with the agency, the
 1718 agency may impose a fine upon the entity in an amount not to
 1719 exceed \$20,000 for each such violation. In no event shall such
 1720 fine exceed an aggregate amount of \$100,000 for all knowing and
 1721 willful violations arising out of the same action. This
 1722 subsection expires October 1, 2013.

1723 ~~(22)-(23)~~ A health maintenance organization or a person or
 1724 entity exempt from chapter 641 that is under contract with the
 1725 agency for the provision of health care services to Medicaid
 1726 recipients may not use or distribute marketing materials used to
 1727 solicit Medicaid recipients, unless such materials have been
 1728 approved by the agency. The provisions of this subsection do not
 1729 apply to general advertising and marketing materials used by a
 1730 health maintenance organization to solicit both non-Medicaid
 1731 subscribers and Medicaid recipients. This subsection expires
 1732 October 1, 2013.

1733 ~~(23)-(24)~~ Upon approval by the agency, health maintenance
 1734 organizations and persons or entities exempt from chapter 641

1735 that are under contract with the agency for the provision of
1736 health care services to Medicaid recipients may be permitted
1737 within the capitation rate to provide additional health benefits
1738 that the agency has found are of high quality, are practicably
1739 available, provide reasonable value to the recipient, and are
1740 provided at no additional cost to the state. This subsection
1741 expires October 1, 2013.

1742 ~~(24)-(25)~~ The agency shall utilize the statewide health
1743 maintenance organization complaint hotline for the purpose of
1744 investigating and resolving Medicaid and prepaid health plan
1745 complaints, maintaining a record of complaints and confirmed
1746 problems, and receiving disenrollment requests made by
1747 recipients. This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

1748 ~~(25)-(26)~~ The agency shall require the publication of the
1749 health maintenance organization's and the prepaid health plan's
1750 consumer services telephone numbers and the "800" telephone
1751 number of the statewide health maintenance organization
1752 complaint hotline on each Medicaid identification card issued by
1753 a health maintenance organization or prepaid health plan
1754 contracting with the agency to serve Medicaid recipients and on
1755 each subscriber handbook issued to a Medicaid recipient. This
1756 subsection expires October 1, 2013.

1757 ~~(26)-(27)~~ The agency shall establish a health care quality
1758 improvement system for those entities contracting with the
1759 agency pursuant to this section, incorporating all the standards
1760 and guidelines developed by the Medicaid Bureau of the Health
1761 Care Financing Administration as a part of the quality assurance
1762 reform initiative. The system shall include, but need not be

1763 | limited to, the following:

1764 | (a) Guidelines for internal quality assurance programs,

1765 | including standards for:

1766 | 1. Written quality assurance program descriptions.

1767 | 2. Responsibilities of the governing body for monitoring,

1768 | evaluating, and making improvements to care.

1769 | 3. An active quality assurance committee.

1770 | 4. Quality assurance program supervision.

1771 | 5. Requiring the program to have adequate resources to

1772 | effectively carry out its specified activities.

1773 | 6. Provider participation in the quality assurance

1774 | program.

1775 | 7. Delegation of quality assurance program activities.

1776 | 8. Credentialing and recredentialing.

1777 | 9. Enrollee rights and responsibilities.

1778 | 10. Availability and accessibility to services and care.

1779 | 11. Ambulatory care facilities.

1780 | 12. Accessibility and availability of medical records, as

1781 | well as proper recordkeeping and process for record review.

1782 | 13. Utilization review.

1783 | 14. A continuity of care system.

1784 | 15. Quality assurance program documentation.

1785 | 16. Coordination of quality assurance activity with other

1786 | management activity.

1787 | 17. Delivering care to pregnant women and infants; to

1788 | elderly and disabled recipients, especially those who are at

1789 | risk of institutional placement; to persons with developmental

1790 | disabilities; and to adults who have chronic, high-cost medical

1791 conditions.

1792 (b) Guidelines which require the entities to conduct

1793 quality-of-care studies which:

1794 1. Target specific conditions and specific health service

1795 delivery issues for focused monitoring and evaluation.

1796 2. Use clinical care standards or practice guidelines to

1797 objectively evaluate the care the entity delivers or fails to

1798 deliver for the targeted clinical conditions and health services

1799 delivery issues.

1800 3. Use quality indicators derived from the clinical care

1801 standards or practice guidelines to screen and monitor care and

1802 services delivered.

1803 (c) Guidelines for external quality review of each

1804 contractor which require: focused studies of patterns of care;

1805 individual care review in specific situations; and followup

1806 activities on previous pattern-of-care study findings and

1807 individual-care-review findings. In designing the external

1808 quality review function and determining how it is to operate as

1809 part of the state's overall quality improvement system, the

1810 agency shall construct its external quality review organization

1811 and entity contracts to address each of the following:

1812 1. Delineating the role of the external quality review

1813 organization.

1814 2. Length of the external quality review organization

1815 contract with the state.

1816 3. Participation of the contracting entities in designing

1817 external quality review organization review activities.

1818 4. Potential variation in the type of clinical conditions

1819 and health services delivery issues to be studied at each plan.

1820 5. Determining the number of focused pattern-of-care
1821 studies to be conducted for each plan.

1822 6. Methods for implementing focused studies.

1823 7. Individual care review.

1824 8. Followup activities.

1825

1826 This subsection expires October 1, 2015.

1827 ~~(27)-(28)~~ In order to ensure that children receive health
1828 care services for which an entity has already been compensated,
1829 an entity contracting with the agency pursuant to this section
1830 shall achieve an annual Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis,
1831 and Treatment (EPSDT) Service screening rate of at least 60
1832 percent for those recipients continuously enrolled for at least
1833 8 months. The agency shall develop a method by which the EPSDT
1834 screening rate shall be calculated. For any entity which does
1835 not achieve the annual 60 percent rate, the entity must submit a
1836 corrective action plan for the agency's approval. If the entity
1837 does not meet the standard established in the corrective action
1838 plan during the specified timeframe, the agency is authorized to
1839 impose appropriate contract sanctions. At least annually, the
1840 agency shall publicly release the EPSDT Services screening rates
1841 of each entity it has contracted with on a prepaid basis to
1842 serve Medicaid recipients. This subsection expires October 1,
1843 2013.

1844 ~~(28)-(29)~~ The agency shall perform enrollments and
1845 disenrollments for Medicaid recipients who are eligible for
1846 MediPass or managed care plans. Notwithstanding the prohibition

1847 contained in paragraph (20)~~(21)~~(f), managed care plans may
1848 perform preenrollments of Medicaid recipients under the
1849 supervision of the agency or its agents. For the purposes of
1850 this section, "preenrollment" means the provision of marketing
1851 and educational materials to a Medicaid recipient and assistance
1852 in completing the application forms, but shall not include
1853 actual enrollment into a managed care plan. An application for
1854 enrollment shall not be deemed complete until the agency or its
1855 agent verifies that the recipient made an informed, voluntary
1856 choice. The agency, in cooperation with the Department of
1857 Children and Family Services, may test new marketing initiatives
1858 to inform Medicaid recipients about their managed care options
1859 at selected sites. The agency shall report to the Legislature on
1860 the effectiveness of such initiatives. The agency may contract
1861 with a third party to perform managed care plan and MediPass
1862 enrollment and disenrollment services for Medicaid recipients
1863 and is authorized to adopt rules to implement such services. The
1864 agency may adjust the capitation rate only to cover the costs of
1865 a third-party enrollment and disenrollment contract, and for
1866 agency supervision and management of the managed care plan
1867 enrollment and disenrollment contract. This subsection expires
1868 October 1, 2013.

1869 (29)~~(30)~~ Any lists of providers made available to Medicaid
1870 recipients, MediPass enrollees, or managed care plan enrollees
1871 shall be arranged alphabetically showing the provider's name and
1872 specialty and, separately, by specialty in alphabetical order.
1873 This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

1874 (30)~~(31)~~ The agency shall establish an enhanced managed

1875 care quality assurance oversight function, to include at least
 1876 the following components:

1877 (a) At least quarterly analysis and followup, including
 1878 sanctions as appropriate, of managed care participant
 1879 utilization of services.

1880 (b) At least quarterly analysis and followup, including
 1881 sanctions as appropriate, of quality findings of the Medicaid
 1882 peer review organization and other external quality assurance
 1883 programs.

1884 (c) At least quarterly analysis and followup, including
 1885 sanctions as appropriate, of the fiscal viability of managed
 1886 care plans.

1887 (d) At least quarterly analysis and followup, including
 1888 sanctions as appropriate, of managed care participant
 1889 satisfaction and disenrollment surveys.

1890 (e) The agency shall conduct regular and ongoing Medicaid
 1891 recipient satisfaction surveys.

1892
 1893 The analyses and followup activities conducted by the agency
 1894 under its enhanced managed care quality assurance oversight
 1895 function shall not duplicate the activities of accreditation
 1896 reviewers for entities regulated under part III of chapter 641,
 1897 but may include a review of the finding of such reviewers. This
 1898 subsection expires October 1, 2013.

1899 ~~(31)-(32)~~ Each managed care plan that is under contract
 1900 with the agency to provide health care services to Medicaid
 1901 recipients shall annually conduct a background check with the
 1902 Florida Department of Law Enforcement of all persons with

1903 ownership interest of 5 percent or more or executive management
 1904 responsibility for the managed care plan and shall submit to the
 1905 agency information concerning any such person who has been found
 1906 guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or has entered a plea of
 1907 nolo contendere or guilty to, any of the offenses listed in s.
 1908 435.03. This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

1909 (32)~~(33)~~ The agency shall, by rule, develop a process
 1910 whereby a Medicaid managed care plan enrollee who wishes to
 1911 enter hospice care may be disenrolled from the managed care plan
 1912 within 24 hours after contacting the agency regarding such
 1913 request. The agency rule shall include a methodology for the
 1914 agency to recoup managed care plan payments on a pro rata basis
 1915 if payment has been made for the enrollment month when
 1916 disenrollment occurs. This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

1917 (33)~~(34)~~ The agency and entities that contract with the
 1918 agency to provide health care services to Medicaid recipients
 1919 under this section or ss. 409.91211 and 409.9122 must comply
 1920 with the provisions of s. 641.513 in providing emergency
 1921 services and care to Medicaid recipients and MediPass
 1922 recipients. Where feasible, safe, and cost-effective, the agency
 1923 shall encourage hospitals, emergency medical services providers,
 1924 and other public and private health care providers to work
 1925 together in their local communities to enter into agreements or
 1926 arrangements to ensure access to alternatives to emergency
 1927 services and care for those Medicaid recipients who need
 1928 nonemergent care. The agency shall coordinate with hospitals,
 1929 emergency medical services providers, private health plans,
 1930 capitated managed care networks as established in s. 409.91211,

1931 and other public and private health care providers to implement
 1932 the provisions of ss. 395.1041(7), 409.91255(3)(g), 627.6405,
 1933 and 641.31097 to develop and implement emergency department
 1934 diversion programs for Medicaid recipients. This subsection
 1935 expires October 1, 2013.

1936 (34)~~(35)~~ All entities providing health care services to
 1937 Medicaid recipients shall make available, and encourage all
 1938 pregnant women and mothers with infants to receive, and provide
 1939 documentation in the medical records to reflect, the following:

- 1940 (a) Healthy Start prenatal or infant screening.
- 1941 (b) Healthy Start care coordination, when screening or
 1942 other factors indicate need.
- 1943 (c) Healthy Start enhanced services in accordance with the
 1944 prenatal or infant screening results.
- 1945 (d) Immunizations in accordance with recommendations of
 1946 the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the United
 1947 States Public Health Service and the American Academy of
 1948 Pediatrics, as appropriate.
- 1949 (e) Counseling and services for family planning to all
 1950 women and their partners.
- 1951 (f) A scheduled postpartum visit for the purpose of
 1952 voluntary family planning, to include discussion of all methods
 1953 of contraception, as appropriate.
- 1954 (g) Referral to the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program
 1955 for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

1956
 1957 This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

1958 (35)~~(36)~~ Any entity that provides Medicaid prepaid health

1959 | plan services shall ensure the appropriate coordination of
 1960 | health care services with an assisted living facility in cases
 1961 | where a Medicaid recipient is both a member of the entity's
 1962 | prepaid health plan and a resident of the assisted living
 1963 | facility. If the entity is at risk for Medicaid targeted case
 1964 | management and behavioral health services, the entity shall
 1965 | inform the assisted living facility of the procedures to follow
 1966 | should an emergent condition arise. This subsection expires
 1967 | October 1, 2013.

1968 | ~~(37) The agency may seek and implement federal waivers~~
 1969 | ~~necessary to provide for cost-effective purchasing of home~~
 1970 | ~~health services, private duty nursing services, transportation,~~
 1971 | ~~independent laboratory services, and durable medical equipment~~
 1972 | ~~and supplies through competitive bidding pursuant to s. 287.057.~~
 1973 | ~~The agency may request appropriate waivers from the federal~~
 1974 | ~~Health Care Financing Administration in order to competitively~~
 1975 | ~~bid such services. The agency may exclude providers not selected~~
 1976 | ~~through the bidding process from the Medicaid provider network.~~

1977 | (36)~~(38)~~ The agency shall enter into agreements with not-
 1978 | for-profit organizations based in this state for the purpose of
 1979 | providing vision screening. This subsection expires October 1,
 1980 | 2013.

1981 | (37)~~(39)~~(a) The agency shall implement a Medicaid
 1982 | prescribed-drug spending-control program that includes the
 1983 | following components:

- 1984 | 1. A Medicaid preferred drug list, which shall be a
- 1985 | listing of cost-effective therapeutic options recommended by the
- 1986 | Medicaid Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee established

1987 | pursuant to s. 409.91195 and adopted by the agency for each
 1988 | therapeutic class on the preferred drug list. At the discretion
 1989 | of the committee, and when feasible, the preferred drug list
 1990 | should include at least two products in a therapeutic class. The
 1991 | agency may post the preferred drug list and updates to the
 1992 | preferred drug list on an Internet website without following the
 1993 | rulemaking procedures of chapter 120. Antiretroviral agents are
 1994 | excluded from the preferred drug list. The agency shall also
 1995 | limit the amount of a prescribed drug dispensed to no more than
 1996 | a 34-day supply unless the drug products' smallest marketed
 1997 | package is greater than a 34-day supply, or the drug is
 1998 | determined by the agency to be a maintenance drug in which case
 1999 | a 100-day maximum supply may be authorized. The agency is
 2000 | authorized to seek any federal waivers necessary to implement
 2001 | these cost-control programs and to continue participation in the
 2002 | federal Medicaid rebate program, or alternatively to negotiate
 2003 | state-only manufacturer rebates. The agency may adopt rules to
 2004 | implement this subparagraph. The agency shall continue to
 2005 | provide unlimited contraceptive drugs and items. The agency must
 2006 | establish procedures to ensure that:

2007 | a. There is a response to a request for prior consultation
 2008 | by telephone or other telecommunication device within 24 hours
 2009 | after receipt of a request for prior consultation; and

2010 | b. A 72-hour supply of the drug prescribed is provided in
 2011 | an emergency or when the agency does not provide a response
 2012 | within 24 hours as required by sub-subparagraph a.

2013 | 2. Reimbursement to pharmacies for Medicaid prescribed
 2014 | drugs shall be set at the lesser of: the average wholesale price

2015 (AWP) minus 16.4 percent, the wholesaler acquisition cost (WAC)
 2016 plus 4.75 percent, the federal upper limit (FUL), the state
 2017 maximum allowable cost (SMAC), or the usual and customary (UAC)
 2018 charge billed by the provider.

2019 3. The agency shall develop and implement a process for
 2020 managing the drug therapies of Medicaid recipients who are using
 2021 significant numbers of prescribed drugs each month. The
 2022 management process may include, but is not limited to,
 2023 comprehensive, physician-directed medical-record reviews, claims
 2024 analyses, and case evaluations to determine the medical
 2025 necessity and appropriateness of a patient's treatment plan and
 2026 drug therapies. The agency may contract with a private
 2027 organization to provide drug-program-management services. The
 2028 Medicaid drug benefit management program shall include
 2029 initiatives to manage drug therapies for HIV/AIDS patients,
 2030 patients using 20 or more unique prescriptions in a 180-day
 2031 period, and the top 1,000 patients in annual spending. The
 2032 agency shall enroll any Medicaid recipient in the drug benefit
 2033 management program if he or she meets the specifications of this
 2034 provision and is not enrolled in a Medicaid health maintenance
 2035 organization.

2036 4. The agency may limit the size of its pharmacy network
 2037 based on need, competitive bidding, price negotiations,
 2038 credentialing, or similar criteria. The agency shall give
 2039 special consideration to rural areas in determining the size and
 2040 location of pharmacies included in the Medicaid pharmacy
 2041 network. A pharmacy credentialing process may include criteria
 2042 such as a pharmacy's full-service status, location, size,

2043 patient educational programs, patient consultation, disease
2044 management services, and other characteristics. The agency may
2045 impose a moratorium on Medicaid pharmacy enrollment when it is
2046 determined that it has a sufficient number of Medicaid-
2047 participating providers. The agency must allow dispensing
2048 practitioners to participate as a part of the Medicaid pharmacy
2049 network regardless of the practitioner's proximity to any other
2050 entity that is dispensing prescription drugs under the Medicaid
2051 program. A dispensing practitioner must meet all credentialing
2052 requirements applicable to his or her practice, as determined by
2053 the agency.

2054 5. The agency shall develop and implement a program that
2055 requires Medicaid practitioners who prescribe drugs to use a
2056 counterfeit-proof prescription pad for Medicaid prescriptions.
2057 The agency shall require the use of standardized counterfeit-
2058 proof prescription pads by Medicaid-participating prescribers or
2059 prescribers who write prescriptions for Medicaid recipients. The
2060 agency may implement the program in targeted geographic areas or
2061 statewide.

2062 6. The agency may enter into arrangements that require
2063 manufacturers of generic drugs prescribed to Medicaid recipients
2064 to provide rebates of at least 15.1 percent of the average
2065 manufacturer price for the manufacturer's generic products.
2066 These arrangements shall require that if a generic-drug
2067 manufacturer pays federal rebates for Medicaid-reimbursed drugs
2068 at a level below 15.1 percent, the manufacturer must provide a
2069 supplemental rebate to the state in an amount necessary to
2070 achieve a 15.1-percent rebate level.

2071 7. The agency may establish a preferred drug list as
2072 described in this subsection, and, pursuant to the establishment
2073 of such preferred drug list, it is authorized to negotiate
2074 supplemental rebates from manufacturers that are in addition to
2075 those required by Title XIX of the Social Security Act and at no
2076 less than 14 percent of the average manufacturer price as
2077 defined in 42 U.S.C. s. 1936 on the last day of a quarter unless
2078 the federal or supplemental rebate, or both, equals or exceeds
2079 29 percent. There is no upper limit on the supplemental rebates
2080 the agency may negotiate. The agency may determine that specific
2081 products, brand-name or generic, are competitive at lower rebate
2082 percentages. Agreement to pay the minimum supplemental rebate
2083 percentage will guarantee a manufacturer that the Medicaid
2084 Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics Committee will consider a
2085 product for inclusion on the preferred drug list. However, a
2086 pharmaceutical manufacturer is not guaranteed placement on the
2087 preferred drug list by simply paying the minimum supplemental
2088 rebate. Agency decisions will be made on the clinical efficacy
2089 of a drug and recommendations of the Medicaid Pharmaceutical and
2090 Therapeutics Committee, as well as the price of competing
2091 products minus federal and state rebates. The agency is
2092 authorized to contract with an outside agency or contractor to
2093 conduct negotiations for supplemental rebates. For the purposes
2094 of this section, the term "supplemental rebates" means cash
2095 rebates. Effective July 1, 2004, value-added programs as a
2096 substitution for supplemental rebates are prohibited. The agency
2097 is authorized to seek any federal waivers to implement this
2098 initiative.

2099 8. The Agency for Health Care Administration shall expand
 2100 home delivery of pharmacy products. To assist Medicaid patients
 2101 in securing their prescriptions and reduce program costs, the
 2102 agency shall expand its current mail-order-pharmacy diabetes-
 2103 supply program to include all generic and brand-name drugs used
 2104 by Medicaid patients with diabetes. Medicaid recipients in the
 2105 current program may obtain nondiabetes drugs on a voluntary
 2106 basis. This initiative is limited to the geographic area covered
 2107 by the current contract. The agency may seek and implement any
 2108 federal waivers necessary to implement this subparagraph.

2109 9. The agency shall limit to one dose per month any drug
 2110 prescribed to treat erectile dysfunction.

2111 10.a. The agency may implement a Medicaid behavioral drug
 2112 management system. The agency may contract with a vendor that
 2113 has experience in operating behavioral drug management systems
 2114 to implement this program. The agency is authorized to seek
 2115 federal waivers to implement this program.

2116 b. The agency, in conjunction with the Department of
 2117 Children and Family Services, may implement the Medicaid
 2118 behavioral drug management system that is designed to improve
 2119 the quality of care and behavioral health prescribing practices
 2120 based on best practice guidelines, improve patient adherence to
 2121 medication plans, reduce clinical risk, and lower prescribed
 2122 drug costs and the rate of inappropriate spending on Medicaid
 2123 behavioral drugs. The program may include the following
 2124 elements:

2125 (I) Provide for the development and adoption of best
 2126 practice guidelines for behavioral health-related drugs such as

2127 antipsychotics, antidepressants, and medications for treating
 2128 bipolar disorders and other behavioral conditions; translate
 2129 them into practice; review behavioral health prescribers and
 2130 compare their prescribing patterns to a number of indicators
 2131 that are based on national standards; and determine deviations
 2132 from best practice guidelines.

2133 (II) Implement processes for providing feedback to and
 2134 educating prescribers using best practice educational materials
 2135 and peer-to-peer consultation.

2136 (III) Assess Medicaid beneficiaries who are outliers in
 2137 their use of behavioral health drugs with regard to the numbers
 2138 and types of drugs taken, drug dosages, combination drug
 2139 therapies, and other indicators of improper use of behavioral
 2140 health drugs.

2141 (IV) Alert prescribers to patients who fail to refill
 2142 prescriptions in a timely fashion, are prescribed multiple same-
 2143 class behavioral health drugs, and may have other potential
 2144 medication problems.

2145 (V) Track spending trends for behavioral health drugs and
 2146 deviation from best practice guidelines.

2147 (VI) Use educational and technological approaches to
 2148 promote best practices, educate consumers, and train prescribers
 2149 in the use of practice guidelines.

2150 (VII) Disseminate electronic and published materials.

2151 (VIII) Hold statewide and regional conferences.

2152 (IX) Implement a disease management program with a model
 2153 quality-based medication component for severely mentally ill
 2154 individuals and emotionally disturbed children who are high

2155 users of care.

2156 11.a. The agency shall implement a Medicaid prescription
2157 drug management system. The agency may contract with a vendor
2158 that has experience in operating prescription drug management
2159 systems in order to implement this system. Any management system
2160 that is implemented in accordance with this subparagraph must
2161 rely on cooperation between physicians and pharmacists to
2162 determine appropriate practice patterns and clinical guidelines
2163 to improve the prescribing, dispensing, and use of drugs in the
2164 Medicaid program. The agency may seek federal waivers to
2165 implement this program.

2166 b. The drug management system must be designed to improve
2167 the quality of care and prescribing practices based on best
2168 practice guidelines, improve patient adherence to medication
2169 plans, reduce clinical risk, and lower prescribed drug costs and
2170 the rate of inappropriate spending on Medicaid prescription
2171 drugs. The program must:

2172 (I) Provide for the development and adoption of best
2173 practice guidelines for the prescribing and use of drugs in the
2174 Medicaid program, including translating best practice guidelines
2175 into practice; reviewing prescriber patterns and comparing them
2176 to indicators that are based on national standards and practice
2177 patterns of clinical peers in their community, statewide, and
2178 nationally; and determine deviations from best practice
2179 guidelines.

2180 (II) Implement processes for providing feedback to and
2181 educating prescribers using best practice educational materials
2182 and peer-to-peer consultation.

2183 (III) Assess Medicaid recipients who are outliers in their
 2184 use of a single or multiple prescription drugs with regard to
 2185 the numbers and types of drugs taken, drug dosages, combination
 2186 drug therapies, and other indicators of improper use of
 2187 prescription drugs.

2188 (IV) Alert prescribers to patients who fail to refill
 2189 prescriptions in a timely fashion, are prescribed multiple drugs
 2190 that may be redundant or contraindicated, or may have other
 2191 potential medication problems.

2192 (V) Track spending trends for prescription drugs and
 2193 deviation from best practice guidelines.

2194 (VI) Use educational and technological approaches to
 2195 promote best practices, educate consumers, and train prescribers
 2196 in the use of practice guidelines.

2197 (VII) Disseminate electronic and published materials.

2198 (VIII) Hold statewide and regional conferences.

2199 (IX) Implement disease management programs in cooperation
 2200 with physicians and pharmacists, along with a model quality-
 2201 based medication component for individuals having chronic
 2202 medical conditions.

2203 12. The agency is authorized to contract for drug rebate
 2204 administration, including, but not limited to, calculating
 2205 rebate amounts, invoicing manufacturers, negotiating disputes
 2206 with manufacturers, and maintaining a database of rebate
 2207 collections.

2208 13. The agency may specify the preferred daily dosing form
 2209 or strength for the purpose of promoting best practices with
 2210 regard to the prescribing of certain drugs as specified in the

2211 General Appropriations Act and ensuring cost-effective
 2212 prescribing practices.

2213 14. The agency may require prior authorization for
 2214 Medicaid-covered prescribed drugs. The agency may, but is not
 2215 required to, prior-authorize the use of a product:

- 2216 a. For an indication not approved in labeling;
- 2217 b. To comply with certain clinical guidelines; or
- 2218 c. If the product has the potential for overuse, misuse,
 2219 or abuse.

2220
 2221 The agency may require the prescribing professional to provide
 2222 information about the rationale and supporting medical evidence
 2223 for the use of a drug. The agency may post prior authorization
 2224 criteria and protocol and updates to the list of drugs that are
 2225 subject to prior authorization on an Internet website without
 2226 amending its rule or engaging in additional rulemaking.

2227 15. The agency, in conjunction with the Pharmaceutical and
 2228 Therapeutics Committee, may require age-related prior
 2229 authorizations for certain prescribed drugs. The agency may
 2230 preauthorize the use of a drug for a recipient who may not meet
 2231 the age requirement or may exceed the length of therapy for use
 2232 of this product as recommended by the manufacturer and approved
 2233 by the Food and Drug Administration. Prior authorization may
 2234 require the prescribing professional to provide information
 2235 about the rationale and supporting medical evidence for the use
 2236 of a drug.

2237 16. The agency shall implement a step-therapy prior
 2238 authorization approval process for medications excluded from the

2239 preferred drug list. Medications listed on the preferred drug
 2240 list must be used within the previous 12 months prior to the
 2241 alternative medications that are not listed. The step-therapy
 2242 prior authorization may require the prescriber to use the
 2243 medications of a similar drug class or for a similar medical
 2244 indication unless contraindicated in the Food and Drug
 2245 Administration labeling. The trial period between the specified
 2246 steps may vary according to the medical indication. The step-
 2247 therapy approval process shall be developed in accordance with
 2248 the committee as stated in s. 409.91195(7) and (8). A drug
 2249 product may be approved without meeting the step-therapy prior
 2250 authorization criteria if the prescribing physician provides the
 2251 agency with additional written medical or clinical documentation
 2252 that the product is medically necessary because:

2253 a. There is not a drug on the preferred drug list to treat
 2254 the disease or medical condition which is an acceptable clinical
 2255 alternative;

2256 b. The alternatives have been ineffective in the treatment
 2257 of the beneficiary's disease; or

2258 c. Based on historic evidence and known characteristics of
 2259 the patient and the drug, the drug is likely to be ineffective,
 2260 or the number of doses have been ineffective.

2261
 2262 The agency shall work with the physician to determine the best
 2263 alternative for the patient. The agency may adopt rules waiving
 2264 the requirements for written clinical documentation for specific
 2265 drugs in limited clinical situations.

2266 17. The agency shall implement a return and reuse program

2267 for drugs dispensed by pharmacies to institutional recipients,
2268 which includes payment of a \$5 restocking fee for the
2269 implementation and operation of the program. The return and
2270 reuse program shall be implemented electronically and in a
2271 manner that promotes efficiency. The program must permit a
2272 pharmacy to exclude drugs from the program if it is not
2273 practical or cost-effective for the drug to be included and must
2274 provide for the return to inventory of drugs that cannot be
2275 credited or returned in a cost-effective manner. The agency
2276 shall determine if the program has reduced the amount of
2277 Medicaid prescription drugs which are destroyed on an annual
2278 basis and if there are additional ways to ensure more
2279 prescription drugs are not destroyed which could safely be
2280 reused. The agency's conclusion and recommendations shall be
2281 reported to the Legislature by December 1, 2005.

2282 (b) The agency shall implement this subsection to the
2283 extent that funds are appropriated to administer the Medicaid
2284 prescribed-drug spending-control program. The agency may
2285 contract all or any part of this program to private
2286 organizations.

2287 (c) The agency shall submit quarterly reports to the
2288 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
2289 House of Representatives which must include, but need not be
2290 limited to, the progress made in implementing this subsection
2291 and its effect on Medicaid prescribed-drug expenditures.

2292 (38)~~(40)~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 287,
2293 the agency may, at its discretion, renew a contract or contracts
2294 for fiscal intermediary services one or more times for such

2295 periods as the agency may decide; however, all such renewals may
 2296 not combine to exceed a total period longer than the term of the
 2297 original contract.

2298 (39)~~(41)~~ The agency shall provide for the development of a
 2299 demonstration project by establishment in Miami-Dade County of a
 2300 long-term-care facility licensed pursuant to chapter 395 to
 2301 improve access to health care for a predominantly minority,
 2302 medically underserved, and medically complex population and to
 2303 evaluate alternatives to nursing home care and general acute
 2304 care for such population. Such project is to be located in a
 2305 health care condominium and colocated with licensed facilities
 2306 providing a continuum of care. The establishment of this project
 2307 is not subject to the provisions of s. 408.036 or s. 408.039.
 2308 This subsection expires October 1, 2012.

2309 ~~(42) The agency shall develop and implement a utilization~~
 2310 ~~management program for Medicaid-eligible recipients for the~~
 2311 ~~management of occupational, physical, respiratory, and speech~~
 2312 ~~therapies. The agency shall establish a utilization program that~~
 2313 ~~may require prior authorization in order to ensure medically~~
 2314 ~~necessary and cost-effective treatments. The program shall be~~
 2315 ~~operated in accordance with a federally approved waiver program~~
 2316 ~~or state plan amendment. The agency may seek a federal waiver or~~
 2317 ~~state plan amendment to implement this program. The agency may~~
 2318 ~~also competitively procure these services from an outside vendor~~
 2319 ~~on a regional or statewide basis.~~

2320 (40)~~(43)~~ The agency shall may contract on a prepaid or
 2321 fixed-sum basis with appropriately licensed prepaid dental
 2322 health plans to provide dental services. This subsection expires

2323 October 1, 2013.

2324 ~~(41)-(44)~~ The Agency for Health Care Administration shall
 2325 ensure that any Medicaid managed care plan as defined in s.
 2326 409.9122(2)(f), whether paid on a capitated basis or a shared
 2327 savings basis, is cost-effective. For purposes of this
 2328 subsection, the term "cost-effective" means that a network's
 2329 per-member, per-month costs to the state, including, but not
 2330 limited to, fee-for-service costs, administrative costs, and
 2331 case-management fees, if any, must be no greater than the
 2332 state's costs associated with contracts for Medicaid services
 2333 established under subsection (3), which may be adjusted for
 2334 health status. The agency shall conduct actuarially sound
 2335 adjustments for health status in order to ensure such cost-
 2336 effectiveness and shall publish the results on its Internet
 2337 website and submit the results annually to the Governor, the
 2338 President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
 2339 Representatives no later than December 31 of each year.
 2340 Contracts established pursuant to this subsection which are not
 2341 cost-effective may not be renewed. This subsection expires
 2342 October 1, 2013.

2343 ~~(42)-(45)~~ Subject to the availability of funds, the agency
 2344 shall mandate a recipient's participation in a provider lock-in
 2345 program, when appropriate, if a recipient is found by the agency
 2346 to have used Medicaid goods or services at a frequency or amount
 2347 not medically necessary, limiting the receipt of goods or
 2348 services to medically necessary providers after the 21-day
 2349 appeal process has ended, for a period of not less than 1 year.
 2350 The lock-in programs shall include, but are not limited to,

2351 pharmacies, medical doctors, and infusion clinics. The
 2352 limitation does not apply to emergency services and care
 2353 provided to the recipient in a hospital emergency department.
 2354 The agency shall seek any federal waivers necessary to implement
 2355 this subsection. The agency shall adopt any rules necessary to
 2356 comply with or administer this subsection. This subsection
 2357 expires October 1, 2013.

2358 ~~(43)-(46)~~ The agency shall seek a federal waiver for
 2359 permission to terminate the eligibility of a Medicaid recipient
 2360 who has been found to have committed fraud, through judicial or
 2361 administrative determination, two times in a period of 5 years.

2362 ~~(47)~~ ~~The agency shall conduct a study of available~~
 2363 ~~electronic systems for the purpose of verifying the identity and~~
 2364 ~~eligibility of a Medicaid recipient. The agency shall recommend~~
 2365 ~~to the Legislature a plan to implement an electronic~~
 2366 ~~verification system for Medicaid recipients by January 31, 2005.~~

2367 ~~(44)-(48)~~ (a) A provider is not entitled to enrollment in
 2368 the Medicaid provider network. The agency may implement a
 2369 Medicaid fee-for-service provider network controls, including,
 2370 but not limited to, competitive procurement and provider
 2371 credentialing. If a credentialing process is used, the agency
 2372 may limit its provider network based upon the following
 2373 considerations: beneficiary access to care, provider
 2374 availability, provider quality standards and quality assurance
 2375 processes, cultural competency, demographic characteristics of
 2376 beneficiaries, practice standards, service wait times, provider
 2377 turnover, provider licensure and accreditation history, program
 2378 integrity history, peer review, Medicaid policy and billing

2379 compliance records, clinical and medical record audit findings,
2380 and such other areas that are considered necessary by the agency
2381 to ensure the integrity of the program.

2382 (b) The agency shall limit its network of durable medical
2383 equipment and medical supply providers. For dates of service
2384 after January 1, 2009, the agency shall limit payment for
2385 durable medical equipment and supplies to providers that meet
2386 all the requirements of this paragraph.

2387 1. Providers must be accredited by a Centers for Medicare
2388 and Medicaid Services deemed accreditation organization for
2389 suppliers of durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics,
2390 and supplies. The provider must maintain accreditation and is
2391 subject to unannounced reviews by the accrediting organization.

2392 2. Providers must provide the services or supplies
2393 directly to the Medicaid recipient or caregiver at the provider
2394 location or recipient's residence or send the supplies directly
2395 to the recipient's residence with receipt of mailed delivery.
2396 Subcontracting or consignment of the service or supply to a
2397 third party is prohibited.

2398 3. Notwithstanding subparagraph 2., a durable medical
2399 equipment provider may store nebulizers at a physician's office
2400 for the purpose of having the physician's staff issue the
2401 equipment if it meets all of the following conditions:

2402 a. The physician must document the medical necessity and
2403 need to prevent further deterioration of the patient's
2404 respiratory status by the timely delivery of the nebulizer in
2405 the physician's office.

2406 b. The durable medical equipment provider must have

2407 written documentation of the competency and training by a
 2408 Florida-licensed registered respiratory therapist of any durable
 2409 medical equipment staff who participate in the training of
 2410 physician office staff for the use of nebulizers, including
 2411 cleaning, warranty, and special needs of patients.

2412 c. The physician's office must have documented the
 2413 training and competency of any staff member who initiates the
 2414 delivery of nebulizers to patients. The durable medical
 2415 equipment provider must maintain copies of all physician office
 2416 training.

2417 d. The physician's office must maintain inventory records
 2418 of stored nebulizers, including documentation of the durable
 2419 medical equipment provider source.

2420 e. A physician contracted with a Medicaid durable medical
 2421 equipment provider may not have a financial relationship with
 2422 that provider or receive any financial gain from the delivery of
 2423 nebulizers to patients.

2424 4. Providers must have a physical business location and a
 2425 functional landline business phone. The location must be within
 2426 the state or not more than 50 miles from the Florida state line.
 2427 The agency may make exceptions for providers of durable medical
 2428 equipment or supplies not otherwise available from other
 2429 enrolled providers located within the state.

2430 5. Physical business locations must be clearly identified
 2431 as a business that furnishes durable medical equipment or
 2432 medical supplies by signage that can be read from 20 feet away.
 2433 The location must be readily accessible to the public during
 2434 normal, posted business hours and must operate no less than 5

2435 hours per day and no less than 5 days per week, with the
 2436 exception of scheduled and posted holidays. The location may not
 2437 be located within or at the same numbered street address as
 2438 another enrolled Medicaid durable medical equipment or medical
 2439 supply provider or as an enrolled Medicaid pharmacy that is also
 2440 enrolled as a durable medical equipment provider. A licensed
 2441 orthotist or prosthetist that provides only orthotic or
 2442 prosthetic devices as a Medicaid durable medical equipment
 2443 provider is exempt from the provisions in this paragraph.

2444 6. Providers must maintain a stock of durable medical
 2445 equipment and medical supplies on site that is readily available
 2446 to meet the needs of the durable medical equipment business
 2447 location's customers.

2448 7. Providers must provide a surety bond of \$50,000 for
 2449 each provider location, up to a maximum of 5 bonds statewide or
 2450 an aggregate bond of \$250,000 statewide, as identified by
 2451 Federal Employer Identification Number. Providers who post a
 2452 statewide or an aggregate bond must identify all of their
 2453 locations in any Medicaid durable medical equipment and medical
 2454 supply provider enrollment application or bond renewal. Each
 2455 provider location's surety bond must be renewed annually and the
 2456 provider must submit proof of renewal even if the original bond
 2457 is a continuous bond. A licensed orthotist or prosthetist that
 2458 provides only orthotic or prosthetic devices as a Medicaid
 2459 durable medical equipment provider is exempt from the provisions
 2460 in this paragraph.

2461 8. Providers must obtain a level 2 background screening,
 2462 as provided under s. 435.04, for each provider employee in

2463 direct contact with or providing direct services to recipients
 2464 of durable medical equipment and medical supplies in their
 2465 homes. This requirement includes, but is not limited to, repair
 2466 and service technicians, fitters, and delivery staff. The
 2467 provider shall pay for the cost of the background screening.

2468 9. The following providers are exempt from the
 2469 requirements of subparagraphs 1. and 7.:

2470 a. Durable medical equipment providers owned and operated
 2471 by a government entity.

2472 b. Durable medical equipment providers that are operating
 2473 within a pharmacy that is currently enrolled as a Medicaid
 2474 pharmacy provider.

2475 c. Active, Medicaid-enrolled orthopedic physician groups,
 2476 primarily owned by physicians, which provide only orthotic and
 2477 prosthetic devices.

2478 (45)~~(49)~~ The agency shall contract with established
 2479 minority physician networks that provide services to
 2480 historically underserved minority patients. The networks must
 2481 provide cost-effective Medicaid services, comply with the
 2482 requirements to be a MediPass provider, and provide their
 2483 primary care physicians with access to data and other management
 2484 tools necessary to assist them in ensuring the appropriate use
 2485 of services, including inpatient hospital services and
 2486 pharmaceuticals.

2487 (a) The agency shall provide for the development and
 2488 expansion of minority physician networks in each service area to
 2489 provide services to Medicaid recipients who are eligible to
 2490 participate under federal law and rules.

2491 (b) The agency shall reimburse each minority physician
 2492 network as a fee-for-service provider, including the case
 2493 management fee for primary care, if any, or as a capitated rate
 2494 provider for Medicaid services. Any savings shall be shared with
 2495 the minority physician networks pursuant to the contract.

2496 (c) For purposes of this subsection, the term "cost-
 2497 effective" means that a network's per-member, per-month costs to
 2498 the state, including, but not limited to, fee-for-service costs,
 2499 administrative costs, and case-management fees, if any, must be
 2500 no greater than the state's costs associated with contracts for
 2501 Medicaid services established under subsection (3), which shall
 2502 be actuarially adjusted for case mix, model, and service area.
 2503 The agency shall conduct actuarially sound audits adjusted for
 2504 case mix and model in order to ensure such cost-effectiveness
 2505 and shall publish the audit results on its Internet website and
 2506 submit the audit results annually to the Governor, the President
 2507 of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
 2508 no later than December 31. Contracts established pursuant to
 2509 this subsection which are not cost-effective may not be renewed.

2510 (d) The agency may apply for any federal waivers needed to
 2511 implement this subsection.

2512
 2513 This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

2514 ~~(46)-(50)~~ To the extent permitted by federal law and as
 2515 allowed under s. 409.906, the agency shall provide reimbursement
 2516 for emergency mental health care services for Medicaid
 2517 recipients in crisis stabilization facilities licensed under s.
 2518 394.875 as long as those services are less expensive than the

2519 same services provided in a hospital setting.

2520 (47)~~(51)~~ The agency shall work with the Agency for Persons
 2521 with Disabilities to develop a home and community-based waiver
 2522 to serve children and adults who are diagnosed with familial
 2523 dysautonomia or Riley-Day syndrome caused by a mutation of the
 2524 IKBKAP gene on chromosome 9. The agency shall seek federal
 2525 waiver approval and implement the approved waiver subject to the
 2526 availability of funds and any limitations provided in the
 2527 General Appropriations Act. The agency may adopt rules to
 2528 implement this waiver program.

2529 (48)~~(52)~~ The agency shall implement a program of all-
 2530 inclusive care for children. The program of all-inclusive care
 2531 for children shall be established to provide in-home hospice-
 2532 like support services to children diagnosed with a life-
 2533 threatening illness and enrolled in the Children's Medical
 2534 Services network to reduce hospitalizations as appropriate. The
 2535 agency, in consultation with the Department of Health, may
 2536 implement the program of all-inclusive care for children after
 2537 obtaining approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
 2538 Services.

2539 (49)~~(53)~~ Before seeking an amendment to the state plan for
 2540 purposes of implementing programs authorized by the Deficit
 2541 Reduction Act of 2005, the agency shall notify the Legislature.

2542 Section 11. Subsection (4) of section 409.91195, Florida
 2543 Statutes, is amended to read:

2544 409.91195 Medicaid Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics
 2545 Committee.—There is created a Medicaid Pharmaceutical and
 2546 Therapeutics Committee within the agency for the purpose of

2547 developing a Medicaid preferred drug list.

2548 (4) Upon recommendation of the committee, the agency shall
 2549 adopt a preferred drug list as described in s. 409.912 (37) ~~(39)~~.

2550 To the extent feasible, the committee shall review all drug
 2551 classes included on the preferred drug list every 12 months, and
 2552 may recommend additions to and deletions from the preferred drug
 2553 list, such that the preferred drug list provides for medically
 2554 appropriate drug therapies for Medicaid patients which achieve
 2555 cost savings contained in the General Appropriations Act.

2556 Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 409.91196, Florida
 2557 Statutes, is amended to read:

2558 409.91196 Supplemental rebate agreements; public records
 2559 and public meetings exemption.—

2560 (1) The rebate amount, percent of rebate, manufacturer's
 2561 pricing, and supplemental rebate, and other trade secrets as
 2562 defined in s. 688.002 that the agency has identified for use in
 2563 negotiations, held by the Agency for Health Care Administration
 2564 under s. 409.912 (37) ~~(39)~~ (a)7. are confidential and exempt from
 2565 s. 119.07(1) and s. 24(a), Art. I of the State Constitution.

2566 Section 13. Section 409.91207, Florida Statutes, is
 2567 amended to read:

2568 (Substantial rewording of section. See s. 409.91207,
 2569 F.S., for present text.)

2570 409.91207 Medical homes.—

2571 (1) AUTHORITY.—The agency shall develop a method for
 2572 designating qualified plans as a medical home network.

2573 (2) PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLES.—Medical home networks foster
 2574 and support coordinated and effective primary care through case

2575 management, support to primary care providers, supplemental
2576 services, and dissemination of best practices. Medical home
2577 networks target patients with chronic illnesses and frequent
2578 service utilization in order to coordinate services, provide
2579 disease management and patient education, and improve quality of
2580 care. In addition to primary care, medical home networks are
2581 able to provide or arrange for pharmacy, outpatient diagnostic,
2582 and specialty physician services and coordinate with inpatient
2583 facilities and rehabilitative service providers.

2584 (3) DESIGNATION.—A qualified plan may request agency
2585 designation as a medical home network if the plan is accredited
2586 as a medical home network by the National Committee for Quality
2587 Assurance or:

2588 (a) The plan establishes a method for its enrollees to
2589 choose to participate as medical home patients and select a
2590 primary care provider that is certified as a medical home.

2591 (b) At least 85 percent of the primary care providers in a
2592 medical home network are certified by the qualified plan as
2593 having the following service capabilities:

2594 1. Supply all medically necessary primary and preventive
2595 services and provide all scheduled immunizations.

2596 2. Organize clinical data in electronic form using a
2597 patient-centered charting system.

2598 3. Maintain and update a patient's medication list and
2599 review all medications during each office visit.

2600 4. Maintain a system to track diagnostic tests and provide
2601 followup services regarding test results.

2602 5. Maintain a system to track referrals, including self-

- 2603 referrals by members.
- 2604 6. Supply care coordination and continuity of care through
 2605 proactive contact with members and encourage family
 2606 participation in care.
- 2607 7. Supply education and support using various materials
 2608 and processes appropriate for individual patient needs.
- 2609 8. Communicate electronically.
- 2610 9. Supply voice-to-voice telephone coverage to medical
 2611 home patients 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, to enable
 2612 medical home patients to speak to a licensed health care
 2613 professional who triages and forwards calls, as appropriate.
- 2614 10. Maintain an office schedule of at least 30 scheduled
 2615 hours per week.
- 2616 11. Use scheduling processes to promote continuity with
 2617 clinicians, including providing care for walk-in, routine, and
 2618 urgent care visits.
- 2619 12. Implement and document behavioral health and substance
 2620 abuse screening procedures and make referrals as needed.
- 2621 13. Use data to identify and track patients' health and
 2622 service use patterns.
- 2623 14. Coordinate care and followup for patients receiving
 2624 services in inpatient and outpatient facilities.
- 2625 15. Implement processes to promote access to care and
 2626 member communication.
- 2627 16. Maintain electronic medical records.
- 2628 17. Develop a health care team that provides ongoing
 2629 support, oversight, and guidance for all medical care received
 2630 by the patient and documents contact with specialists and other

2631 health care providers caring for the patient.

2632 18. Supply postvisit followup care for patients.

2633 19. Implement specific evidence-based clinical practice

2634 guidelines for preventive and chronic care.

2635 20. Implement a medication reconciliation procedure to

2636 avoid interactions or duplications.

2637 21. Use personalized screening, brief intervention, and

2638 referral to treatment procedures for appropriate patients

2639 requiring specialty treatment.

2640 22. Offer at least 4 hours per week of after-hours care to

2641 patients.

2642 23. Use health assessment tools to identify patient needs

2643 and risks.

2644 (c) The qualified plan offers support services to its

2645 primary care providers, including:

2646 1. Case management, outreach, care coordination, and other

2647 targeted support services for medical home patients.

2648 2. Ongoing assessment of spending and service utilization

2649 by all medical home network patients.

2650 3. Periodic evaluation of patient outcomes.

2651 4. Coordination with inpatient facilities, behavioral

2652 health, and rehabilitative service providers.

2653 5. Establishing specific methods to manage pharmacy and

2654 behavioral health services.

2655 6. Paying primary care providers. It is the intent of the

2656 Legislature that the savings that result from the implementation

2657 of the medical home network model be used to enable Medicaid

2658 fees to physicians participating in medical home networks to be

2659 equivalent to 100 percent of Medicare rates as soon as possible.

2660 (4) AGENCY DUTIES.—The agency shall:

2661 (a) Maintain a record of qualified plans designated as
 2662 medical home networks.

2663 (b) Develop a standard form to be used by the qualified
 2664 plans to certify to the agency that they meet the necessary
 2665 service and primary care provider support capabilities to be
 2666 designated a medical home.

2667 Section 14. Section 409.91211, Florida Statutes, is
 2668 amended to read:

2669 (Substantial rewording of section. See s. 409.91211,
 2670 F.S., for present text.)

2671 409.91211.—Medicaid managed care pilot program.—

2672 (1) AUTHORITY.—The agency is authorized to implement a
 2673 managed care pilot program based on the Section 1115 waiver
 2674 approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on
 2675 October 19, 2005, including continued operation of the program
 2676 in Baker, Broward, Clay, Duval, and Nassau Counties. The managed
 2677 care pilot program shall be consistent with the provisions of
 2678 this section, subject to federal approval.

2679 (2) EXTENSION.—No later than July 1, 2010, the agency
 2680 shall begin the process of requesting an extension of the
 2681 Section 1115 waiver. The agency shall report at least monthly to
 2682 the Legislature on progress in negotiating for the extension of
 2683 the waiver. Changes to the terms and conditions relating to the
 2684 low-income pool must be approved by the Legislative Budget
 2685 Commission.

2686 (3) EXPANSION.—The agency shall expand the managed care
2687 pilot program to Miami-Dade County in a manner that enrolls all
2688 eligible recipients in a qualified plan no later than June 30,
2689 2011.

2690 (4) QUALIFIED PLANS.—Managed care plans qualified to
2691 participate in the Medicaid managed care pilot program include
2692 health insurers authorized under chapter 624, exclusive provider
2693 organizations authorized under chapter 627, health maintenance
2694 organizations authorized under chapter 641, the Children's
2695 Medical Services Network under chapter 391, and provider service
2696 networks authorized pursuant to s. 409.912(4)(d).

2697 (5) PLAN REQUIREMENTS.—The agency shall apply the
2698 following requirements to all qualified plans:

2699 (a) Prepaid rates shall be risk adjusted pursuant to
2700 subsection (17).

2701 (b) All Medicaid recipients shall be offered the
2702 opportunity to use their Medicaid premium to pay for the
2703 recipient's share of cost pursuant to s. 409.9122(13).

2704 (6) INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRANSFERS.—In order to preserve
2705 intergovernmental transfers of funds from Miami-Dade County, the
2706 agency shall develop methodologies, including, but not limited
2707 to, a supplemental capitation rate, risk pool, or incentive
2708 payments, which may be paid to prepaid plans or plans owned and
2709 operated by providers that contract with safety net providers,
2710 trauma hospitals, children's hospitals, and statutory teaching
2711 hospitals. In order to preserve certified public expenditures
2712 from Miami-Dade County, the agency shall seek federal approval
2713 to implement a methodology that allows supplemental payments to

2714 be made directly to physicians employed by or under contract
 2715 with a medical school in Florida in recognition of the costs
 2716 associated with graduate medical education or their teaching
 2717 mission. Alternatively, the agency may develop additional
 2718 methodologies including, but not limited to, methodologies
 2719 mentioned above, as well as capitated rates that exclude
 2720 payments made to these physicians so that they may be paid
 2721 directly. Once methodologies and payment mechanisms are
 2722 approved, the agency shall submit the plan for preserving
 2723 intergovernmental transfers and certified public expenditures to
 2724 the Legislative Budget Commission. After the assignment and
 2725 enrollment of all mandatory eligible persons in Miami-Dade
 2726 County into managed care plans, an amendment shall be submitted
 2727 to the Legislative Budget Commission requesting authority for
 2728 the transfer of sufficient funds from appropriate line items
 2729 within the Grants and Donations Trust Fund and the Medical Care
 2730 Trust Fund within the Agency for Health Care Administration in
 2731 the General Appropriations Act to the line item for Prepaid
 2732 Health Plans within the General Appropriations Act. The agency
 2733 shall submit a report to the Legislature regarding how the
 2734 developed and approved methodologies and payment mechanisms may
 2735 be applied to other counties in the state pursuant to managed
 2736 care payments under s. 409.968.

2737 (7) ENROLLMENT.—All Medicaid recipients in the counties in
 2738 which the managed care pilot program has been implemented shall
 2739 be enrolled in a qualified plan. Each recipient shall have a
 2740 choice of plans and may select any plan unless that plan is
 2741 restricted by contract to a specific population that does not

2742 include the recipient. Medicaid recipients shall have 30 days in
 2743 which to make a choice of plans. All recipients shall be offered
 2744 choice counseling services in accordance with this section.

2745 (8) CHOICE COUNSELING.—The agency shall provide choice
 2746 counseling and may contract for the provision of choice
 2747 counseling services. Choice counseling shall be provided in the
 2748 native or preferred language of the recipient, consistent with
 2749 federal requirements. The agency shall maintain a record of the
 2750 recipients who receive such services, identifying the scope and
 2751 method of the services provided. The agency shall make available
 2752 clear and easily understandable choice information to Medicaid
 2753 recipients that includes:

2754 (a) An explanation that each recipient has the right to
 2755 choose a qualified plan at the time of enrollment in Medicaid
 2756 and again at regular intervals set by the agency and that, if a
 2757 recipient does not choose a qualified plan, the agency will
 2758 assign the recipient to a qualified plan according to the
 2759 criteria specified in this section.

2760 (b) A list and description of the benefits provided in
 2761 each plan.

2762 (c) Information about earning credits in the plan's
 2763 enhanced benefit program.

2764 (d) An explanation of benefit limits.

2765 (e) Information about cost-sharing requirements of each
 2766 plan.

2767 (f) A current list of providers participating in the
 2768 network, including location and contact information.

2769 (g) Plan performance data.

2770 (9) AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT.—The agency shall automatically
 2771 enroll Medicaid recipients who do not voluntarily choose a
 2772 managed care plan. Enrollment shall be distributed among all
 2773 qualified plans. When automatically enrolling recipients, the
 2774 agency shall take into account the following criteria:

2775 (a) The plan has sufficient network capacity to meet the
 2776 needs of the recipients.

2777 (b) The recipient has previously received services from
 2778 one of the plan's primary care providers.

2779 (c) Primary care providers in one plan are more
 2780 geographically accessible to the recipient's residence.

2781
 2782 The agency may not engage in practices that are designed to
 2783 favor one qualified plan over another.

2784 (10) DISENROLLMENT.—After a recipient has selected and
 2785 enrolled in a qualified plan, the recipient shall have 90 days
 2786 to voluntarily disenroll and select another qualified plan.
 2787 After 90 days, further changes may be made only for good cause.
 2788 "Good cause" includes, but is not limited to, poor quality of
 2789 care, lack of access to necessary specialty services, an
 2790 unreasonable delay or denial of service, or fraudulent
 2791 enrollment. The agency must make a determination as to whether
 2792 cause exists. However, the agency may require a recipient to use
 2793 the qualified plan's grievance process prior to the agency's
 2794 determination of cause, except in cases in which immediate risk
 2795 of permanent damage to the recipient's health is alleged. The
 2796 agency must make a determination and take final action on a
 2797 recipient's request so that disenrollment occurs no later than

2798 the first day of the second month after the month the request
 2799 was made. If the agency fails to act within the specified
 2800 timeframe, the recipient's request to disenroll is deemed to be
 2801 approved as of the date agency action was required. Recipients
 2802 who disagree with the agency's finding that cause does not exist
 2803 for disenrollment shall be advised of their right to pursue a
 2804 Medicaid fair hearing to dispute the agency's finding.

2805 (11) ENROLLMENT PERIOD.—Medicaid recipients enrolled in a
 2806 qualified plan after the 90-day period shall remain in the plan
 2807 for 12 months. After 12 months, the recipient may select another
 2808 plan. However, nothing shall prevent a Medicaid recipient from
 2809 changing primary care providers within the qualified plan during
 2810 the 12-month period.

2811 (12) GRIEVANCES.—Each qualified plan shall establish an
 2812 internal process for reviewing and responding to grievances from
 2813 enrollees. The contract shall specify timeframes for submission,
 2814 plan response, and resolution. Grievances not resolved by a
 2815 plan's internal process shall be submitted to the Subscriber
 2816 Assistance Panel pursuant to s. 408.7056. Each plan shall submit
 2817 quarterly reports on the number, description, and outcome of
 2818 grievances filed by enrollees. The agency shall establish a
 2819 similar process for provider service networks.

2820 (13) BENEFITS.—Qualified plans operating in the Medicaid
 2821 managed care pilot program shall cover the services specified in
 2822 ss. 409.905 and 409.906, emergency services provided under s.
 2823 409.9128, and such other services as the plan may offer. Plans
 2824 may customize benefit packages for nonpregnant adults, vary
 2825 cost-sharing provisions, and provide coverage for additional

2826 services. The agency shall evaluate the proposed benefit
2827 packages to ensure services are sufficient to meet the needs of
2828 the plans' enrollees and to verify actuarial equivalence.

2829 (14) PENALTIES.—Qualified plans that reduce enrollment
2830 levels or leave a county where the managed care pilot program
2831 has been implemented shall reimburse the agency for the cost of
2832 enrollment changes, including the cost of additional choice
2833 counseling services. When more than one qualified plan leaves a
2834 county at the same time, costs shall be shared by the plans
2835 proportionate to their enrollments.

2836 (15) ACCESS TO DATA.—The agency shall make encounter data
2837 available to those plans accepting enrollees who are assigned to
2838 them from other plans leaving a county where the managed care
2839 pilot program has been implemented.

2840 (16) ENHANCED BENEFITS.—Each plan operating in the managed
2841 care pilot program shall establish an incentive program that
2842 rewards specific healthy behaviors with credits in a flexible
2843 spending account pursuant to s. 409.9122(14).

2844 (17) PAYMENTS TO MANAGED CARE PLANS.—

2845 (a) The agency shall continue the budget-neutral
2846 adjustment of capitation rates for all prepaid plans in existing
2847 managed care pilot program counties.

2848 (b) Beginning September 1, 2010, the agency shall begin a
2849 budget-neutral adjustment of capitation rates for all prepaid
2850 plans in Miami-Dade County. The adjustment to capitation rates
2851 shall be based on aggregate risk scores for each prepaid plan's
2852 enrollees. During the first 2 years of the adjustment, the
2853 agency shall ensure that no plan has an aggregate risk score

2854 that varies by more than 10 percent from the aggregate weighted
2855 average for all plans. Except as otherwise provided in this
2856 paragraph, the risk adjusted capitation rates shall be phased in
2857 as follows:

2858 1. In the first fiscal year, 75 percent of the capitation
2859 rate shall be based on the current methodology and 25 percent
2860 shall be based on the risk-adjusted rate methodology.

2861 2. In the second fiscal year, 50 percent of the capitation
2862 rate shall be based on the current methodology and 50 percent
2863 shall be based on the risk-adjusted methodology.

2864 3. In the third fiscal year, the risk-adjusted capitation
2865 methodology shall be fully implemented.

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2867 The rates for plans owned and operated by a public hospital
2868 shall be risk-adjusted immediately. In order to meet the
2869 requirements of budget neutrality, and until such time as all
2870 rates in the county are risk-adjusted, the rate differential is
2871 contingent on the nonfederal share being provided through grants
2872 and donations from allowable nonstate sources. The agency shall
2873 submit an amendment to the Legislative Budget Commission
2874 requesting authority for such payments.

2875 (c) During this period, the agency shall establish a
2876 technical advisory panel to obtain input from the prepaid plans
2877 affected by the transition to risk adjusted rates.

2878 (18) LOW-INCOME POOL.—Funds from a low-income pool shall
2879 be distributed in accordance with the terms and conditions of
2880 the 1115 waiver and in a manner authorized by the General

2881 Appropriations Act. The distribution of funds is intended for
 2882 the following purposes:

2883 (a) Assure a broad and fair distribution of available
 2884 funds based on the access provided by Medicaid participating
 2885 hospitals, regardless of their ownership status, through their
 2886 delivery of inpatient or outpatient care for Medicaid
 2887 beneficiaries and uninsured and underinsured individuals;

2888 (b) Assure accessible emergency inpatient and outpatient
 2889 care for Medicaid beneficiaries and uninsured and underinsured
 2890 individuals;

2891 (c) Enhance primary, preventive, and other ambulatory care
 2892 coverages for uninsured individuals;

2893 (d) Promote teaching and specialty hospital programs;

2894 (e) Promote the stability and viability of statutorily
 2895 defined rural hospitals and hospitals that serve as sole
 2896 community hospitals;

2897 (f) Recognize the extent of hospital uncompensated care
 2898 costs;

2899 (g) Maintain and enhance essential community hospital
 2900 care;

2901 (h) Maintain incentives for local governmental entities to
 2902 contribute to the cost of uncompensated care;

2903 (i) Promote measures to avoid preventable
 2904 hospitalizations;

2905 (j) Account for hospital efficiency; and

2906 (k) Contribute to a community's overall health system.

2907 (19) ENCOUNTER DATA.—The agency shall maintain and operate
 2908 the Medicaid Encounter Data System pursuant to s. 409.9122(15).

2909 (20) EVALUATION.—The agency shall contract with the
 2910 University of Florida to complete a comprehensive evaluation of
 2911 the managed care pilot program. The evaluation shall include an
 2912 assessment of patient satisfaction, changes in benefits and
 2913 coverage, implementation and impact of enhanced benefits, access
 2914 to care and service utilization by enrolled recipients, and
 2915 costs per enrollee. The agency shall establish an initiative to
 2916 improve recipient access to information about plan performance.
 2917 The agency shall publish on its Internet website information on
 2918 plan performance, including, but not limited to, results of plan
 2919 enrollee satisfaction surveys, data reported pursuant to s.
 2920 409.9122(17), and information on recipient grievances. The
 2921 website shall be user-friendly and shall provide an opportunity
 2922 for recipients to give web-based feedback on plans. Plans shall
 2923 advise recipients of the information available on the agency's
 2924 website and how to access it in the initial enrollment
 2925 materials. The agency shall evaluate the initiative to determine
 2926 whether it improves recipient access to information.

2927 Section 15. Section 409.9122, Florida Statutes, is amended
 2928 to read:

2929 409.9122 Mandatory Medicaid managed care enrollment;
 2930 programs and procedures.—

2931 (1) It is the intent of the Legislature that the MediPass
 2932 program be cost-effective, provide quality health care, and
 2933 improve access to health services, and that the program be
 2934 statewide. This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

2935 (2) (a) The agency shall enroll in a managed care plan or
 2936 MediPass all Medicaid recipients, except those Medicaid

2937 recipients who are: in an institution; enrolled in the Medicaid
 2938 medically needy program; or eligible for both Medicaid and
 2939 Medicare. Upon enrollment, individuals will be able to change
 2940 their managed care option during the 90-day opt out period
 2941 required by federal Medicaid regulations. The agency is
 2942 authorized to seek the necessary Medicaid state plan amendment
 2943 to implement this policy. However, to the extent permitted by
 2944 federal law, the agency may enroll in a managed care plan or
 2945 MediPass a Medicaid recipient who is exempt from mandatory
 2946 managed care enrollment, provided that:

2947 1. The recipient's decision to enroll in a managed care
 2948 plan or MediPass is voluntary;

2949 2. If the recipient chooses to enroll in a managed care
 2950 plan, the agency has determined that the managed care plan
 2951 provides specific programs and services which address the
 2952 special health needs of the recipient; and

2953 3. The agency receives any necessary waivers from the
 2954 federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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 2956 ~~The agency shall develop rules to establish policies by which~~
 2957 ~~exceptions to the mandatory managed care enrollment requirement~~
 2958 ~~may be made on a case-by-case basis. The rules shall include the~~
 2959 ~~specific criteria to be applied when making a determination as~~
 2960 ~~to whether to exempt a recipient from mandatory enrollment in a~~
 2961 ~~managed care plan or MediPass. School districts participating in~~
 2962 the certified school match program pursuant to ss. 409.908(21)
 2963 and 1011.70 shall be reimbursed by Medicaid, subject to the
 2964 limitations of s. 1011.70(1), for a Medicaid-eligible child

2965 participating in the services as authorized in s. 1011.70, as
 2966 provided for in s. 409.9071, regardless of whether the child is
 2967 enrolled in MediPass or a managed care plan. Managed care plans
 2968 shall make a good faith effort to execute agreements with school
 2969 districts regarding the coordinated provision of services
 2970 authorized under s. 1011.70. County health departments
 2971 delivering school-based services pursuant to ss. 381.0056 and
 2972 381.0057 shall be reimbursed by Medicaid for the federal share
 2973 for a Medicaid-eligible child who receives Medicaid-covered
 2974 services in a school setting, regardless of whether the child is
 2975 enrolled in MediPass or a managed care plan. Managed care plans
 2976 shall make a good faith effort to execute agreements with county
 2977 health departments regarding the coordinated provision of
 2978 services to a Medicaid-eligible child. To ensure continuity of
 2979 care for Medicaid patients, the agency, the Department of
 2980 Health, and the Department of Education shall develop procedures
 2981 for ensuring that a student's managed care plan or MediPass
 2982 provider receives information relating to services provided in
 2983 accordance with ss. 381.0056, 381.0057, 409.9071, and 1011.70.

2984 (b) A Medicaid recipient shall not be enrolled in or
 2985 assigned to a managed care plan or MediPass unless the managed
 2986 care plan or MediPass has complied with the quality-of-care
 2987 standards specified in paragraphs (3)(a) and (b), respectively.

2988 (c) Medicaid recipients shall have a choice of managed
 2989 care plans or MediPass. The Agency for Health Care
 2990 Administration, the Department of Health, the Department of
 2991 Children and Family Services, and the Department of Elderly
 2992 Affairs shall cooperate to ensure that each Medicaid recipient

2993 receives clear and easily understandable information that meets
2994 the following requirements:

2995 1. Explains the concept of managed care, including
2996 MediPass.

2997 2. Provides information on the comparative performance of
2998 managed care plans and MediPass in the areas of quality,
2999 credentialing, preventive health programs, network size and
3000 availability, and patient satisfaction.

3001 3. Explains where additional information on each managed
3002 care plan and MediPass in the recipient's area can be obtained.

3003 4. Explains that recipients have the right to choose their
3004 managed care coverage at the time they first enroll in Medicaid
3005 and again at regular intervals set by the agency. However, if a
3006 recipient does not choose a managed care plan or MediPass, the
3007 agency will assign the recipient to a managed care plan or
3008 MediPass according to the criteria specified in this section.

3009 5. Explains the recipient's right to complain, file a
3010 grievance, or change managed care plans or MediPass providers if
3011 the recipient is not satisfied with the managed care plan or
3012 MediPass.

3013 (d) The agency shall develop a mechanism for providing
3014 information to Medicaid recipients for the purpose of making a
3015 managed care plan or MediPass selection. Examples of such
3016 mechanisms may include, but not be limited to, interactive
3017 information systems, mailings, and mass marketing materials.
3018 Managed care plans and MediPass providers are prohibited from
3019 providing inducements to Medicaid recipients to select their
3020 plans or from prejudicing Medicaid recipients against other

3021 managed care plans or MediPass providers.

3022 (e) Medicaid recipients who are already enrolled in a
 3023 managed care plan or MediPass shall be offered the opportunity
 3024 to change managed care plans or MediPass providers on a
 3025 staggered basis, as defined by the agency. All Medicaid
 3026 recipients shall have 30 days in which to make a choice of
 3027 managed care plans or MediPass providers. Those Medicaid
 3028 recipients who do not make a choice shall be assigned in
 3029 accordance with paragraph (f). To facilitate continuity of care,
 3030 for a Medicaid recipient who is also a recipient of Supplemental
 3031 Security Income (SSI), prior to assigning the SSI recipient to a
 3032 managed care plan or MediPass, the agency shall determine
 3033 whether the SSI recipient has an ongoing relationship with a
 3034 MediPass provider or managed care plan, and if so, the agency
 3035 shall assign the SSI recipient to that MediPass provider or
 3036 managed care plan. Those SSI recipients who do not have such a
 3037 provider relationship shall be assigned to a managed care plan
 3038 or MediPass provider in accordance with paragraph (f).

3039 (f) If a Medicaid recipient does not choose a managed care
 3040 plan or MediPass provider, the agency shall assign the Medicaid
 3041 recipient to a managed care plan or MediPass provider. Medicaid
 3042 recipients eligible for managed care plan enrollment who are
 3043 subject to mandatory assignment but who fail to make a choice
 3044 shall be assigned to managed care plans until an enrollment of
 3045 35 percent in MediPass and 65 percent in managed care plans, of
 3046 all those eligible to choose managed care, is achieved. Once
 3047 this enrollment is achieved, the assignments shall be divided in
 3048 order to maintain an enrollment in MediPass and managed care

3049 plans which is in a 35 percent and 65 percent proportion,
 3050 respectively. Thereafter, assignment of Medicaid recipients who
 3051 fail to make a choice shall be based proportionally on the
 3052 preferences of recipients who have made a choice in the previous
 3053 period. Such proportions shall be revised at least quarterly to
 3054 reflect an update of the preferences of Medicaid recipients. The
 3055 agency shall disproportionately assign Medicaid-eligible
 3056 recipients who are required to but have failed to make a choice
 3057 of managed care plan or MediPass, ~~including children, and who~~
 3058 ~~would be assigned to the MediPass program to children's networks~~
 3059 ~~as described in s. 409.912(4)(g), Children's Medical Services~~
 3060 Network as defined in s. 391.021, exclusive provider
 3061 organizations, provider service networks, minority physician
 3062 networks, and pediatric emergency department diversion programs
 3063 authorized by this chapter or the General Appropriations Act, in
 3064 such manner as the agency deems appropriate, until the agency
 3065 has determined that the networks and programs have sufficient
 3066 numbers to be operated economically. For purposes of this
 3067 paragraph, when referring to assignment, the term "managed care
 3068 plans" includes health maintenance organizations, exclusive
 3069 provider organizations, provider service networks, minority
 3070 physician networks, Children's Medical Services Network, and
 3071 pediatric emergency department diversion programs authorized by
 3072 this chapter or the General Appropriations Act. When making
 3073 assignments, the agency shall take into account the following
 3074 criteria:

- 3075 1. A managed care plan has sufficient network capacity to
- 3076 meet the need of members.

3077 2. The managed care plan or MediPass has previously
3078 enrolled the recipient as a member, or one of the managed care
3079 plan's primary care providers or MediPass providers has
3080 previously provided health care to the recipient.

3081 3. The agency has knowledge that the member has previously
3082 expressed a preference for a particular managed care plan or
3083 MediPass provider as indicated by Medicaid fee-for-service
3084 claims data, but has failed to make a choice.

3085 4. The managed care plan's or MediPass primary care
3086 providers are geographically accessible to the recipient's
3087 residence.

3088 (g) When more than one managed care plan or MediPass
3089 provider meets the criteria specified in paragraph (f), the
3090 agency shall make recipient assignments consecutively by family
3091 unit.

3092 (h) The agency may not engage in practices that are
3093 designed to favor one managed care plan over another or that are
3094 designed to influence Medicaid recipients to enroll in MediPass
3095 rather than in a managed care plan or to enroll in a managed
3096 care plan rather than in MediPass. This subsection does not
3097 prohibit the agency from reporting on the performance of
3098 MediPass or any managed care plan, as measured by performance
3099 criteria developed by the agency.

3100 (i) After a recipient has made his or her selection or has
3101 been enrolled in a managed care plan or MediPass, the recipient
3102 shall have 90 days to exercise the opportunity to voluntarily
3103 disenroll and select another managed care plan or MediPass.
3104 After 90 days, no further changes may be made except for good

3105 cause. Good cause includes, but is not limited to, poor quality
3106 of care, lack of access to necessary specialty services, an
3107 unreasonable delay or denial of service, or fraudulent
3108 enrollment. The agency shall develop criteria for good cause
3109 disenrollment for chronically ill and disabled populations who
3110 are assigned to managed care plans if more appropriate care is
3111 available through the MediPass program. The agency must make a
3112 determination as to whether cause exists. However, the agency
3113 may require a recipient to use the managed care plan's or
3114 MediPass grievance process prior to the agency's determination
3115 of cause, except in cases in which immediate risk of permanent
3116 damage to the recipient's health is alleged. The grievance
3117 process, when utilized, must be completed in time to permit the
3118 recipient to disenroll by the first day of the second month
3119 after the month the disenrollment request was made. If the
3120 managed care plan or MediPass, as a result of the grievance
3121 process, approves an enrollee's request to disenroll, the agency
3122 is not required to make a determination in the case. The agency
3123 must make a determination and take final action on a recipient's
3124 request so that disenrollment occurs no later than the first day
3125 of the second month after the month the request was made. If the
3126 agency fails to act within the specified timeframe, the
3127 recipient's request to disenroll is deemed to be approved as of
3128 the date agency action was required. Recipients who disagree
3129 with the agency's finding that cause does not exist for
3130 disenrollment shall be advised of their right to pursue a
3131 Medicaid fair hearing to dispute the agency's finding.

3132 (j) The agency shall apply for a federal waiver from the

3133 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to lock eligible
3134 Medicaid recipients into a managed care plan or MediPass for 12
3135 months after an open enrollment period. After 12 months'
3136 enrollment, a recipient may select another managed care plan or
3137 MediPass provider. However, nothing shall prevent a Medicaid
3138 recipient from changing primary care providers within the
3139 managed care plan or MediPass program during the 12-month
3140 period.

3141 (k) When a Medicaid recipient does not choose a managed
3142 care plan or MediPass provider, the agency shall assign the
3143 Medicaid recipient to a managed care plan, except in those
3144 counties in which there are fewer than two managed care plans
3145 accepting Medicaid enrollees, in which case assignment shall be
3146 to a managed care plan or a MediPass provider. Medicaid
3147 recipients in counties with fewer than two managed care plans
3148 accepting Medicaid enrollees who are subject to mandatory
3149 assignment but who fail to make a choice shall be assigned to
3150 managed care plans until an enrollment of 35 percent in MediPass
3151 and 65 percent in managed care plans, of all those eligible to
3152 choose managed care, is achieved. Once that enrollment is
3153 achieved, the assignments shall be divided in order to maintain
3154 an enrollment in MediPass and managed care plans which is in a
3155 35 percent and 65 percent proportion, respectively. For purposes
3156 of this paragraph, when referring to assignment, the term
3157 "managed care plans" includes exclusive provider organizations,
3158 provider service networks, Children's Medical Services Network,
3159 minority physician networks, and pediatric emergency department
3160 diversion programs authorized by this chapter or the General

3161 Appropriations Act. When making assignments, the agency shall
 3162 take into account the following criteria:

3163 1. A managed care plan has sufficient network capacity to
 3164 meet the need of members.

3165 2. The managed care plan or MediPass has previously
 3166 enrolled the recipient as a member, or one of the managed care
 3167 plan's primary care providers or MediPass providers has
 3168 previously provided health care to the recipient.

3169 3. The agency has knowledge that the member has previously
 3170 expressed a preference for a particular managed care plan or
 3171 MediPass provider as indicated by Medicaid fee-for-service
 3172 claims data, but has failed to make a choice.

3173 4. The managed care plan's or MediPass primary care
 3174 providers are geographically accessible to the recipient's
 3175 residence.

3176 5. The agency has authority to make mandatory assignments
 3177 based on quality of service and performance of managed care
 3178 plans.

3179 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 287, the
 3180 agency may, at its discretion, renew cost-effective contracts
 3181 for choice counseling services once or more for such periods as
 3182 the agency may decide. However, all such renewals may not
 3183 combine to exceed a total period longer than the term of the
 3184 original contract.

3185
 3186 This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

3187 (3) (a) The agency shall establish quality-of-care
 3188 standards for managed care plans. These standards shall be based

3189 upon, but are not limited to:

3190 1. Compliance with the accreditation requirements as
3191 provided in s. 641.512.

3192 2. Compliance with Early and Periodic Screening,
3193 Diagnosis, and Treatment screening requirements.

3194 3. The percentage of voluntary disenrollments.

3195 4. Immunization rates.

3196 5. Standards of the National Committee for Quality
3197 Assurance and other approved accrediting bodies.

3198 6. Recommendations of other authoritative bodies.

3199 7. Specific requirements of the Medicaid program, or
3200 standards designed to specifically assist the unique needs of
3201 Medicaid recipients.

3202 8. Compliance with the health quality improvement system
3203 as established by the agency, which incorporates standards and
3204 guidelines developed by the Medicaid Bureau of the Health Care
3205 Financing Administration as part of the quality assurance reform
3206 initiative.

3207 (b) For the MediPass program, the agency shall establish
3208 standards which are based upon, but are not limited to:

3209 1. Quality-of-care standards which are comparable to those
3210 required of managed care plans.

3211 2. Credentialing standards for MediPass providers.

3212 3. Compliance with Early and Periodic Screening,
3213 Diagnosis, and Treatment screening requirements.

3214 4. Immunization rates.

3215 5. Specific requirements of the Medicaid program, or
3216 standards designed to specifically assist the unique needs of

3217 Medicaid recipients.

3218

3219 This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

3220 (4) (a) Each female recipient may select as her primary
 3221 care provider an obstetrician/gynecologist who has agreed to
 3222 participate as a MediPass primary care case manager.

3223 (b) The agency shall establish a complaints and grievance
 3224 process to assist Medicaid recipients enrolled in the MediPass
 3225 program to resolve complaints and grievances. The agency shall
 3226 investigate reports of quality-of-care grievances which remain
 3227 unresolved to the satisfaction of the enrollee.

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3229 This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

3230 (5) (a) The agency shall work cooperatively with the Social
 3231 Security Administration to identify beneficiaries who are
 3232 jointly eligible for Medicare and Medicaid and shall develop
 3233 cooperative programs to encourage these beneficiaries to enroll
 3234 in a Medicare participating health maintenance organization or
 3235 prepaid health plans.

3236 (b) The agency shall work cooperatively with the
 3237 Department of Elderly Affairs to assess the potential cost-
 3238 effectiveness of providing MediPass to beneficiaries who are
 3239 jointly eligible for Medicare and Medicaid on a voluntary choice
 3240 basis. If the agency determines that enrollment of these
 3241 beneficiaries in MediPass has the potential for being cost-
 3242 effective for the state, the agency shall offer MediPass to
 3243 these beneficiaries on a voluntary choice basis in the counties
 3244 where MediPass operates.

3245
 3246 This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

3247 (6) MediPass enrolled recipients may receive up to 10
 3248 visits of reimbursable services by participating Medicaid
 3249 physicians licensed under chapter 460 and up to four visits of
 3250 reimbursable services by participating Medicaid physicians
 3251 licensed under chapter 461. Any further visits must be by prior
 3252 authorization by the MediPass primary care provider. However,
 3253 nothing in this subsection may be construed to increase the
 3254 total number of visits or the total amount of dollars per year
 3255 per person under current Medicaid rules, unless otherwise
 3256 provided for in the General Appropriations Act. This subsection
 3257 expires October 1, 2013.

3258 ~~(7) The agency shall investigate the feasibility of~~
 3259 ~~developing managed care plan and MediPass options for the~~
 3260 ~~following groups of Medicaid recipients:~~

- 3261 ~~(a) Pregnant women and infants.~~
- 3262 ~~(b) Elderly and disabled recipients, especially those who~~
 3263 ~~are at risk of nursing home placement.~~
- 3264 ~~(c) Persons with developmental disabilities.~~
- 3265 ~~(d) Qualified Medicare beneficiaries.~~
- 3266 ~~(e) Adults who have chronic, high-cost medical conditions.~~
- 3267 ~~(f) Adults and children who have mental health problems.~~
- 3268 ~~(g) Other recipients for whom managed care plans and~~
 3269 ~~MediPass offer the opportunity of more cost-effective care and~~
 3270 ~~greater access to qualified providers.~~

3271 ~~(8) (a) The agency shall encourage the development of~~
 3272 ~~public and private partnerships to foster the growth of health~~

3273 ~~maintenance organizations and prepaid health plans that will~~
 3274 ~~provide high-quality health care to Medicaid recipients.~~

3275 ~~(b) Subject to the availability of moneys and any~~
 3276 ~~limitations established by the General Appropriations Act or~~
 3277 ~~chapter 216, the agency is authorized to enter into contracts~~
 3278 ~~with traditional providers of health care to low-income persons~~
 3279 ~~to assist such providers with the technical aspects of~~
 3280 ~~cooperatively developing Medicaid prepaid health plans.~~

3281 ~~1. The agency may contract with disproportionate share~~
 3282 ~~hospitals, county health departments, federally initiated or~~
 3283 ~~federally funded community health centers, and counties that~~
 3284 ~~operate either a hospital or a community clinic.~~

3285 ~~2. A contract may not be for more than \$100,000 per year,~~
 3286 ~~and no contract may be extended with any particular provider for~~
 3287 ~~more than 2 years. The contract is intended only as seed or~~
 3288 ~~development funding and requires a commitment from the~~
 3289 ~~interested party.~~

3290 ~~3. A contract must require participation by at least one~~
 3291 ~~community health clinic and one disproportionate share hospital.~~

3292 (7)(9)(a) The agency shall develop and implement a
 3293 comprehensive plan to ensure that recipients are adequately
 3294 informed of their choices and rights under all Medicaid managed
 3295 care programs and that Medicaid managed care programs meet
 3296 acceptable standards of quality in patient care, patient
 3297 satisfaction, and financial solvency.

3298 (b) The agency shall provide adequate means for informing
 3299 patients of their choice and rights under a managed care plan at
 3300 the time of eligibility determination.

3301 (c) The agency shall require managed care plans and
 3302 MediPass providers to demonstrate and document plans and
 3303 activities, as defined by rule, including outreach and followup,
 3304 undertaken to ensure that Medicaid recipients receive the health
 3305 care service to which they are entitled.

3306
 3307 This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

3308 ~~(8)-(10)~~ The agency shall consult with Medicaid consumers
 3309 and their representatives on an ongoing basis regarding
 3310 measurements of patient satisfaction, procedures for resolving
 3311 patient grievances, standards for ensuring quality of care,
 3312 mechanisms for providing patient access to services, and
 3313 policies affecting patient care. This subsection expires October
 3314 1, 2013.

3315 ~~(9)-(11)~~ The agency may extend eligibility for Medicaid
 3316 recipients enrolled in licensed and accredited health
 3317 maintenance organizations for the duration of the enrollment
 3318 period or for 6 months, whichever is earlier, provided the
 3319 agency certifies that such an offer will not increase state
 3320 expenditures. This subsection expires October 1, 2013.

3321 ~~(10)-(12)~~ A managed care plan that has a Medicaid contract
 3322 shall at least annually review each primary care physician's
 3323 active patient load and shall ensure that additional Medicaid
 3324 recipients are not assigned to physicians who have a total
 3325 active patient load of more than 3,000 patients. As used in this
 3326 subsection, the term "active patient" means a patient who is
 3327 seen by the same primary care physician, or by a physician
 3328 assistant or advanced registered nurse practitioner under the

3329 supervision of the primary care physician, at least three times
3330 within a calendar year. Each primary care physician shall
3331 annually certify to the managed care plan whether or not his or
3332 her patient load exceeds the limits established under this
3333 subsection and the managed care plan shall accept such
3334 certification on face value as compliance with this subsection.
3335 The agency shall accept the managed care plan's representations
3336 that it is in compliance with this subsection based on the
3337 certification of its primary care physicians, unless the agency
3338 has an objective indication that access to primary care is being
3339 compromised, such as receiving complaints or grievances relating
3340 to access to care. If the agency determines that an objective
3341 indication exists that access to primary care is being
3342 compromised, it may verify the patient load certifications
3343 submitted by the managed care plan's primary care physicians and
3344 that the managed care plan is not assigning Medicaid recipients
3345 to primary care physicians who have an active patient load of
3346 more than 3,000 patients. This subsection expires October 1,
3347 2013.

3348 ~~(13) Effective July 1, 2003, the agency shall adjust the~~
3349 ~~enrollee assignment process of Medicaid managed prepaid health~~
3350 ~~plans for those Medicaid managed prepaid plans operating in~~
3351 ~~Miami Dade County which have executed a contract with the agency~~
3352 ~~for a minimum of 8 consecutive years in order for the Medicaid~~
3353 ~~managed prepaid plan to maintain a minimum enrollment level of~~
3354 ~~15,000 members per month. When assigning enrollees pursuant to~~
3355 ~~this subsection, the agency shall give priority to providers~~
3356 ~~that initially qualified under this subsection until such~~

3357 ~~providers reach and maintain an enrollment level of 15,000~~
3358 ~~members per month. A prepaid health plan that has a statewide~~
3359 ~~Medicaid enrollment of 25,000 or more members is not eligible~~
3360 ~~for enrollee assignments under this subsection.~~

3361 (11)~~(14)~~ The agency shall include in its calculation of
3362 the hospital inpatient component of a Medicaid health
3363 maintenance organization's capitation rate any special payments,
3364 including, but not limited to, upper payment limit or
3365 disproportionate share hospital payments, made to qualifying
3366 hospitals through the fee-for-service program. The agency may
3367 seek federal waiver approval or state plan amendment as needed
3368 to implement this adjustment.

3369 (12) (a) Beginning September 1, 2010, the agency shall
3370 begin a budget-neutral adjustment of capitation rates for all
3371 Medicaid prepaid plans in the state. The adjustment to
3372 capitation rates shall be based on aggregate risk scores for
3373 each prepaid plan's enrollees. During the first 2 years of the
3374 adjustment, the agency shall ensure that no plan has an
3375 aggregate risk score that varies more than 10 percent from the
3376 aggregate weighted average for all plans. The risk adjusted
3377 capitation rates shall be phased in as follows:

3378 1. In the first fiscal year, 75 percent of the capitation
3379 rate shall be based on the current methodology and 25 percent
3380 shall be based on the risk-adjusted rate methodology.

3381 2. In the second fiscal year, 50 percent of the capitation
3382 rate shall be based on the current methodology and 50 percent
3383 shall be based on the risk-adjusted methodology.

3384 3. In the third fiscal year, the risk-adjusted capitation
 3385 methodology shall be fully implemented.

3386 (b) During this period, the agency shall establish a
 3387 technical advisory panel to obtain input from the prepaid plans
 3388 affected by the transition to risk adjusted rates.

3389 (13) The agency shall develop a process to enable any
 3390 recipient with access to employer sponsored insurance to opt out
 3391 of all qualified plans in the Medicaid program and to use
 3392 Medicaid financial assistance to pay for the recipient's share
 3393 of cost in any such plan. Contingent on federal approval, the
 3394 agency shall also enable recipients with access to other
 3395 insurance or related products providing access to health care
 3396 services created pursuant to state law, including any plan or
 3397 product available pursuant to Cover Florida, the Florida Health
 3398 Choices Program, or any health exchange, to opt out. The amount
 3399 of financial assistance provided for each recipient shall not
 3400 exceed the amount of the Medicaid premium that would have been
 3401 paid to a plan for that recipient.

3402 (14) Each qualified plan shall establish an incentive
 3403 program that rewards specific healthy behaviors with credits in
 3404 a flexible spending account pursuant to s. 409.9122(14).

3405 (a) At the discretion of the recipient, credits shall be
 3406 used to purchase otherwise uncovered health and related services
 3407 during the entire period of and for a maximum of 3 years after
 3408 the recipient's Medicaid eligibility, whether or not the
 3409 recipient remains continuously enrolled in the plan in which the
 3410 credits were earned.

3411 (b) Enhanced benefits offered by a qualified plan shall be
3412 structured to provide greater incentives for those diseases
3413 linked with lifestyle and conditions or behaviors associated
3414 with avoidable utilization of high-cost services.

3415 (c) To fund these credits, each plan must maintain a
3416 reserve account in an amount up to 2 percent of the plan's
3417 Medicaid premium revenue or benchmark premium revenue in the
3418 case of provider service networks based on an actuarial
3419 assessment of the value of the enhanced benefit program.

3420 (15) The agency shall maintain and operate the Medicaid
3421 Encounter Data System to collect, process, store, and report on
3422 covered services provided to all Florida Medicaid recipients
3423 enrolled in prepaid managed care plans. Prepaid managed care
3424 plans shall submit encounter data electronically in a format
3425 that complies with the Health Insurance Portability and
3426 Accountability Act provisions for electronic claims and in
3427 accordance with deadlines established by the agency. Prepaid
3428 managed care plans must certify that the data reported is
3429 accurate and complete. The agency is responsible for validating
3430 the data submitted by the plans. Prior to utilizing validated
3431 encounter data to adjust rates for prepaid plans, the agency
3432 shall conduct a review to ensure adequate encounter data is
3433 available to establish actuarially sound rates. The review shall
3434 include a simulated rate-setting exercise, followed by an
3435 evaluation by independent actuaries and consideration of
3436 comments from the plans. The agency shall publish the results of
3437 the review on its website at least 30 days prior to adjusting
3438 rates.

3439 (16) The agency may establish a per-member per-month
 3440 payment for Medicare Advantage Special Needs members that are
 3441 also eligible for Medicaid as a mechanism for meeting the
 3442 state's cost sharing obligation. The agency may also develop a
 3443 per-member per-month payment for Medicaid only covered services
 3444 for which the state is responsible. The agency shall develop a
 3445 mechanism to ensure that such per-member per-month payment
 3446 enhances the value to the state and enrolled members by limiting
 3447 cost sharing, enhancing the scope of Medicare supplemental
 3448 benefits that are equal to or greater than Medicaid coverage for
 3449 select services, and improving care coordination.

3450 (17) The agency shall establish, and managed care plans
 3451 shall use, a uniform method of accounting for and reporting
 3452 medical and nonmedical costs. The agency shall make such
 3453 information available to the public.

3454 (18) Effective October 1, 2013, school districts
 3455 participating in the certified school match program pursuant to
 3456 ss. 409.908(21) and 1011.70 shall be reimbursed by Medicaid,
 3457 subject to the limitations of s. 1011.70(1), for a Medicaid-
 3458 eligible child participating in the services as authorized in s.
 3459 1011.70, as provided for in s. 409.9071. Managed care plans
 3460 shall make a good faith effort to execute agreements with school
 3461 districts regarding the coordinated provision of services
 3462 authorized under s. 1011.70 and county health departments
 3463 delivering school-based services pursuant to ss. 381.0056 and
 3464 381.0057. To ensure continuity of care for Medicaid patients,
 3465 the agency, the Department of Health, and the Department of
 3466 Education shall develop procedures for ensuring that a student's

3467 managed care plan receives information relating to services
 3468 provided in accordance with ss. 381.0056, 381.0057, 409.9071,
 3469 and 1011.70.

3470 (19) The agency may, on a case-by-case basis, exempt a
 3471 recipient from mandatory enrollment in a managed care plan when
 3472 the recipient has a unique, time-limited disease or condition-
 3473 related circumstance and managed care enrollment will interfere
 3474 with ongoing care because the recipient's provider does not
 3475 participate in the managed care plans available in the
 3476 recipient's area.

3477 Section 16. Subsection (18) of section 430.04, Florida
 3478 Statutes, is amended to read:

3479 430.04 Duties and responsibilities of the Department of
 3480 Elderly Affairs.—The Department of Elderly Affairs shall:

3481 (18) Administer all Medicaid waivers and programs relating
 3482 to elders and their appropriations. The waivers include, but are
 3483 not limited to:

3484 ~~(a) The Alzheimer's Dementia-Specific Medicaid Waiver as~~
 3485 ~~established in s. 430.502(7), (8), and (9).~~

3486 (a)~~(b)~~ The Assisted Living for the Frail Elderly Waiver.

3487 (b)~~(e)~~ The Aged and Disabled Adult Waiver.

3488 (c)~~(d)~~ The Adult Day Health Care Waiver.

3489 (d)~~(e)~~ The Consumer-Directed Care Plus Program as defined
 3490 in s. 409.221.

3491 (e)~~(f)~~ The Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly.

3492 (f)~~(g)~~ The Long-Term Care Community-Based Diversion Pilot
 3493 Project as described in s. 430.705.

3494 (g)~~(h)~~ The Channeling Services Waiver for Frail Elders.

3495
 3496 The department shall develop a transition plan for recipients
 3497 receiving services in long-term care Medicaid waivers for elders
 3498 or disabled adults on the date qualified plans become available
 3499 in each recipient's region pursuant to s. 409.981(2) to enroll
 3500 those recipients in qualified plans. This subsection expires
 3501 October 1, 2012.

3502 Section 17. Section 430.2053, Florida Statutes, is amended
 3503 to read:

3504 430.2053 Aging resource centers.—

3505 (1) The department, in consultation with the Agency for
 3506 Health Care Administration and the Department of Children and
 3507 Family Services, shall develop pilot projects for aging resource
 3508 centers. ~~By October 31, 2004, the department, in consultation~~
 3509 ~~with the agency and the Department of Children and Family~~
 3510 ~~Services, shall develop an implementation plan for aging~~
 3511 ~~resource centers and submit the plan to the Governor, the~~
 3512 ~~President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of~~
 3513 ~~Representatives. The plan must include qualifications for~~
 3514 ~~designation as a center, the functions to be performed by each~~
 3515 ~~center, and a process for determining that a current area agency~~
 3516 ~~on aging is ready to assume the functions of an aging resource~~
 3517 ~~center.~~

3518 ~~(2) Each area agency on aging shall develop, in~~
 3519 ~~consultation with the existing community care for the elderly~~
 3520 ~~lead agencies within their planning and service areas, a~~
 3521 ~~proposal that describes the process the area agency on aging~~
 3522 ~~intends to undertake to transition to an aging resource center~~

3523 ~~prior to July 1, 2005, and that describes the area agency's~~
3524 ~~compliance with the requirements of this section. The proposals~~
3525 ~~must be submitted to the department prior to December 31, 2004.~~
3526 ~~The department shall evaluate all proposals for readiness and,~~
3527 ~~prior to March 1, 2005, shall select three area agencies on~~
3528 ~~aging which meet the requirements of this section to begin the~~
3529 ~~transition to aging resource centers. Those area agencies on~~
3530 ~~aging which are not selected to begin the transition to aging~~
3531 ~~resource centers shall, in consultation with the department and~~
3532 ~~the existing community care for the elderly lead agencies within~~
3533 ~~their planning and service areas, amend their proposals as~~
3534 ~~necessary and resubmit them to the department prior to July 1,~~
3535 ~~2005. The department may transition additional area agencies to~~
3536 ~~aging resource centers as it determines that area agencies are~~
3537 ~~in compliance with the requirements of this section.~~

3538 ~~(3) The Auditor General and the Office of Program Policy~~
3539 ~~Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) shall jointly~~
3540 ~~review and assess the department's process for determining an~~
3541 ~~area agency's readiness to transition to an aging resource~~
3542 ~~center.~~

3543 ~~(a) The review must, at a minimum, address the~~
3544 ~~appropriateness of the department's criteria for selection of an~~
3545 ~~area agency to transition to an aging resource center, the~~
3546 ~~instruments applied, the degree to which the department~~
3547 ~~accurately determined each area agency's compliance with the~~
3548 ~~readiness criteria, the quality of the technical assistance~~
3549 ~~provided by the department to an area agency in correcting any~~
3550 ~~weaknesses identified in the readiness assessment, and the~~

3551 ~~degree to which each area agency overcame any identified~~
3552 ~~weaknesses.~~

3553 ~~(b) Reports of these reviews must be submitted to the~~
3554 ~~appropriate substantive and appropriations committees in the~~
3555 ~~Senate and the House of Representatives on March 1 and September~~
3556 ~~1 of each year until full transition to aging resource centers~~
3557 ~~has been accomplished statewide, except that the first report~~
3558 ~~must be submitted by February 1, 2005, and must address all~~
3559 ~~readiness activities undertaken through December 31, 2004. The~~
3560 ~~perspectives of all participants in this review process must be~~
3561 ~~included in each report.~~

3562 (2)~~(4)~~ The purposes of an aging resource center shall be:

3563 (a) To provide Florida's elders and their families with a
3564 locally focused, coordinated approach to integrating information
3565 and referral for all available services for elders with the
3566 eligibility determination entities for state and federally
3567 funded long-term-care services.

3568 (b) To provide for easier access to long-term-care
3569 services by Florida's elders and their families by creating
3570 multiple access points to the long-term-care network that flow
3571 through one established entity with wide community recognition.

3572 (3)~~(5)~~ The duties of an aging resource center are to:

3573 (a) Develop referral agreements with local community
3574 service organizations, such as senior centers, existing elder
3575 service providers, volunteer associations, and other similar
3576 organizations, to better assist clients who do not need or do
3577 not wish to enroll in programs funded by the department or the
3578 agency. The referral agreements must also include a protocol,

3579 developed and approved by the department, which provides
 3580 specific actions that an aging resource center and local
 3581 community service organizations must take when an elder or an
 3582 elder's representative seeking information on long-term-care
 3583 services contacts a local community service organization prior
 3584 to contacting the aging resource center. The protocol shall be
 3585 designed to ensure that elders and their families are able to
 3586 access information and services in the most efficient and least
 3587 cumbersome manner possible.

3588 (b) Provide an initial screening of all clients who
 3589 request long-term-care services to determine whether the person
 3590 would be most appropriately served through any combination of
 3591 federally funded programs, state-funded programs, locally funded
 3592 or community volunteer programs, or private funding for
 3593 services.

3594 (c) Determine eligibility for the programs and services
 3595 listed in subsection (9) ~~(11)~~ for persons residing within the
 3596 geographic area served by the aging resource center and
 3597 determine a priority ranking for services which is based upon
 3598 the potential recipient's frailty level and likelihood of
 3599 institutional placement without such services.

3600 (d) Manage the availability of financial resources for the
 3601 programs and services listed in subsection (9) ~~(11)~~ for persons
 3602 residing within the geographic area served by the aging resource
 3603 center.

3604 (e) When financial resources become available, refer a
 3605 client to the most appropriate entity to begin receiving
 3606 services. The aging resource center shall make referrals to lead

3607 agencies for service provision that ensure that individuals who
 3608 are vulnerable adults in need of services pursuant to s.
 3609 415.104(3)(b), or who are victims of abuse, neglect, or
 3610 exploitation in need of immediate services to prevent further
 3611 harm and are referred by the adult protective services program,
 3612 are given primary consideration for receiving community-care-
 3613 for-the-elderly services in compliance with the requirements of
 3614 s. 430.205(5)(a) and that other referrals for services are in
 3615 compliance with s. 430.205(5)(b).

3616 (f) Convene a work group to advise in the planning,
 3617 implementation, and evaluation of the aging resource center. The
 3618 work group shall be comprised of representatives of local
 3619 service providers, Alzheimer's Association chapters, housing
 3620 authorities, social service organizations, advocacy groups,
 3621 representatives of clients receiving services through the aging
 3622 resource center, and any other persons or groups as determined
 3623 by the department. The aging resource center, in consultation
 3624 with the work group, must develop annual program improvement
 3625 plans that shall be submitted to the department for
 3626 consideration. The department shall review each annual
 3627 improvement plan and make recommendations on how to implement
 3628 the components of the plan.

3629 (g) Enhance the existing area agency on aging in each
 3630 planning and service area by integrating, either physically or
 3631 virtually, the staff and services of the area agency on aging
 3632 with the staff of the department's local CARES Medicaid ~~nursing~~
 3633 ~~home~~ preadmission screening unit and a sufficient number of
 3634 staff from the Department of Children and Family Services'

3635 Economic Self-Sufficiency Unit necessary to determine the
 3636 financial eligibility for all persons age 60 and older residing
 3637 within the area served by the aging resource center that are
 3638 seeking Medicaid services, Supplemental Security Income, and
 3639 food stamps.

3640 (h) Assist clients who request long-term care services in
 3641 being evaluated for eligibility for enrollment in the Medicaid
 3642 long-term care managed care program as qualified plans become
 3643 available in each of the regions pursuant to s. 409.981(2).

3644 (i) Provide choice counseling for the Medicaid long-term
 3645 care managed care program by integrating, either physically or
 3646 virtually, choice counseling staff and services as qualified
 3647 plans become available in each of the regions pursuant to s.
 3648 409.981(2). Pursuant to s. 409.984(1), the agency may contract
 3649 directly with the aging resource center to provide choice
 3650 counseling services or may contract with another vendor if the
 3651 aging resource center does not choose to provide such services.

3652 (j) Assist Medicaid recipients enrolled in the Medicaid
 3653 long-term care managed care program with informally resolving
 3654 grievances with a managed care network and assist Medicaid
 3655 recipients in accessing the managed care network's formal
 3656 grievance process as qualified plans become available in each of
 3657 the regions pursuant to s. 409.981(2).

3658 (4) ~~(6)~~ The department shall select the entities to become
 3659 aging resource centers based on each entity's readiness and
 3660 ability to perform the duties listed in subsection (3) ~~(5)~~ and
 3661 the entity's:

3662 (a) Expertise in the needs of each target population the

3663 center proposes to serve and a thorough knowledge of the
 3664 providers that serve these populations.

3665 (b) Strong connections to service providers, volunteer
 3666 agencies, and community institutions.

3667 (c) Expertise in information and referral activities.

3668 (d) Knowledge of long-term-care resources, including
 3669 resources designed to provide services in the least restrictive
 3670 setting.

3671 (e) Financial solvency and stability.

3672 (f) Ability to collect, monitor, and analyze data in a
 3673 timely and accurate manner, along with systems that meet the
 3674 department's standards.

3675 (g) Commitment to adequate staffing by qualified personnel
 3676 to effectively perform all functions.

3677 (h) Ability to meet all performance standards established
 3678 by the department.

3679 (5)~~(7)~~ The aging resource center shall have a governing
 3680 body which shall be the same entity described in s. 20.41(7),
 3681 and an executive director who may be the same person as
 3682 described in s. 20.41(7). The governing body shall annually
 3683 evaluate the performance of the executive director.

3684 (6)~~(8)~~ The aging resource center may not be a provider of
 3685 direct services other than choice counseling as qualified plans
 3686 become available in each of the regions pursuant to s.
 3687 409.981(2), information and referral services, and screening.

3688 (7)~~(9)~~ The aging resource center must agree to allow the
 3689 department to review any financial information the department
 3690 determines is necessary for monitoring or reporting purposes,

3691 including financial relationships.

3692 ~~(8)-(10)~~ The duties and responsibilities of the community
 3693 care for the elderly lead agencies within each area served by an
 3694 aging resource center shall be to:

3695 (a) Develop strong community partnerships to maximize the
 3696 use of community resources for the purpose of assisting elders
 3697 to remain in their community settings for as long as it is
 3698 safely possible.

3699 (b) Conduct comprehensive assessments of clients that have
 3700 been determined eligible and develop a care plan consistent with
 3701 established protocols that ensures that the unique needs of each
 3702 client are met.

3703 ~~(9)-(11)~~ The services to be administered through the aging
 3704 resource center shall include those funded by the following
 3705 programs:

- 3706 (a) Community care for the elderly.
- 3707 (b) Home care for the elderly.
- 3708 (c) Contracted services.
- 3709 (d) Alzheimer's disease initiative.
- 3710 (e) Aged and disabled adult Medicaid waiver. This
 3711 paragraph expires October 1, 2012.

3712 (f) Assisted living for the frail elderly Medicaid waiver.
 3713 This paragraph expires October 1, 2012.

3714 (g) Older Americans Act.

3715 ~~(10)-(12)~~ The department shall, prior to designation of an
 3716 aging resource center, develop by rule operational and quality
 3717 assurance standards and outcome measures to ensure that clients
 3718 receiving services through all long-term-care programs

3719 administered through an aging resource center are receiving the
3720 appropriate care they require and that contractors and
3721 subcontractors are adhering to the terms of their contracts and
3722 are acting in the best interests of the clients they are
3723 serving, consistent with the intent of the Legislature to reduce
3724 the use of and cost of nursing home care. The department shall
3725 by rule provide operating procedures for aging resource centers,
3726 which shall include:

3727 (a) Minimum standards for financial operation, including
3728 audit procedures.

3729 (b) Procedures for monitoring and sanctioning of service
3730 providers.

3731 (c) Minimum standards for technology utilized by the aging
3732 resource center.

3733 (d) Minimum staff requirements which shall ensure that the
3734 aging resource center employs sufficient quality and quantity of
3735 staff to adequately meet the needs of the elders residing within
3736 the area served by the aging resource center.

3737 (e) Minimum accessibility standards, including hours of
3738 operation.

3739 (f) Minimum oversight standards for the governing body of
3740 the aging resource center to ensure its continuous involvement
3741 in, and accountability for, all matters related to the
3742 development, implementation, staffing, administration, and
3743 operations of the aging resource center.

3744 (g) Minimum education and experience requirements for
3745 executive directors and other executive staff positions of aging
3746 resource centers.

3747 (h) Minimum requirements regarding any executive staff
 3748 positions that the aging resource center must employ and minimum
 3749 requirements that a candidate must meet in order to be eligible
 3750 for appointment to such positions.

3751 (11)~~(13)~~ In an area in which the department has designated
 3752 an area agency on aging as an aging resource center, the
 3753 department and the agency shall not make payments for the
 3754 services listed in subsection (9) ~~(11)~~ and the Long-Term Care
 3755 Community Diversion Project for such persons who were not
 3756 screened and enrolled through the aging resource center. The
 3757 department shall cease making payments for recipients in
 3758 qualified plans as qualified plans become available in each of
 3759 the regions pursuant to s. 409.981(2).

3760 (12)~~(14)~~ Each aging resource center shall enter into a
 3761 memorandum of understanding with the department for
 3762 collaboration with the CARES unit staff. The memorandum of
 3763 understanding shall outline the staff person responsible for
 3764 each function and shall provide the staffing levels necessary to
 3765 carry out the functions of the aging resource center.

3766 (13)~~(15)~~ Each aging resource center shall enter into a
 3767 memorandum of understanding with the Department of Children and
 3768 Family Services for collaboration with the Economic Self-
 3769 Sufficiency Unit staff. The memorandum of understanding shall
 3770 outline which staff persons are responsible for which functions
 3771 and shall provide the staffing levels necessary to carry out the
 3772 functions of the aging resource center.

3773 (14) As qualified plans become available in each of the
 3774 regions pursuant to s. 409.981(2), if an aging resource center

3775 does not contract with the agency to provide Medicaid long-term
 3776 care managed care choice counseling pursuant to s. 409.984(1),
 3777 the aging resource center shall enter into a memorandum of
 3778 understanding with the agency to coordinate staffing and
 3779 collaborate with the choice counseling vendor. The memorandum of
 3780 understanding shall identify the staff responsible for each
 3781 function and shall provide the staffing levels necessary to
 3782 carry out the functions of the aging resource center.

3783 ~~(15)-(16)~~ If any of the state activities described in this
 3784 section are outsourced, either in part or in whole, the contract
 3785 executing the outsourcing shall mandate that the contractor or
 3786 its subcontractors shall, either physically or virtually,
 3787 execute the provisions of the memorandum of understanding
 3788 instead of the state entity whose function the contractor or
 3789 subcontractor now performs.

3790 ~~(16)-(17)~~ In order to be eligible to begin transitioning to
 3791 an aging resource center, an area agency on aging board must
 3792 ensure that the area agency on aging which it oversees meets all
 3793 of the minimum requirements set by law and in rule.

3794 ~~(18)~~ ~~The department shall monitor the three initial~~
 3795 ~~projects for aging resource centers and report on the progress~~
 3796 ~~of those projects to the Governor, the President of the Senate,~~
 3797 ~~and the Speaker of the House of Representatives by June 30,~~
 3798 ~~2005. The report must include an evaluation of the~~
 3799 ~~implementation process.~~

3800 ~~(17)-(19)~~ (a) Once an aging resource center is operational,
 3801 the department, in consultation with the agency, may develop
 3802 capitation rates for any of the programs administered through

3803 the aging resource center. Capitation rates for programs shall
 3804 be based on the historical cost experience of the state in
 3805 providing those same services to the population age 60 or older
 3806 residing within each area served by an aging resource center.
 3807 Each capitated rate may vary by geographic area as determined by
 3808 the department.

3809 (b) The department and the agency may determine for each
 3810 area served by an aging resource center whether it is
 3811 appropriate, consistent with federal and state laws and
 3812 regulations, to develop and pay separate capitated rates for
 3813 each program administered through the aging resource center or
 3814 to develop and pay capitated rates for service packages which
 3815 include more than one program or service administered through
 3816 the aging resource center.

3817 (c) Once capitation rates have been developed and
 3818 certified as actuarially sound, the department and the agency
 3819 may pay service providers the capitated rates for services when
 3820 appropriate.

3821 (d) The department, in consultation with the agency, shall
 3822 annually reevaluate and recertify the capitation rates,
 3823 adjusting forward to account for inflation, programmatic
 3824 changes.

3825 ~~(20) The department, in consultation with the agency,~~
 3826 ~~shall submit to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and~~
 3827 ~~the Speaker of the House of Representatives, by December 1,~~
 3828 ~~2006, a report addressing the feasibility of administering the~~
 3829 ~~following services through aging resource centers beginning July~~
 3830 ~~1, 2007.~~

- 3831 ~~(a) Medicaid nursing home services.~~
- 3832 ~~(b) Medicaid transportation services.~~
- 3833 ~~(c) Medicaid hospice care services.~~
- 3834 ~~(d) Medicaid intermediate care services.~~
- 3835 ~~(e) Medicaid prescribed drug services.~~
- 3836 ~~(f) Medicaid assistive care services.~~
- 3837 ~~(g) Any other long term care program or Medicaid service.~~

3838 (18) ~~(21)~~ This section shall not be construed to allow an
 3839 aging resource center to restrict, manage, or impede the local
 3840 fundraising activities of service providers.

3841 Section 18. Subsection (4) of section 641.386, Florida
 3842 Statutes, is amended to read:

3843 641.386 Agent licensing and appointment required;
 3844 exceptions.—

3845 (4) All agents and health maintenance organizations shall
 3846 comply with and be subject to the applicable provisions of ss.
 3847 641.309 and 409.912 (20) ~~(21)~~, and all companies and entities
 3848 appointing agents shall comply with s. 626.451, when marketing
 3849 for any health maintenance organization licensed pursuant to
 3850 this part, including those organizations under contract with the
 3851 Agency for Health Care Administration to provide health care
 3852 services to Medicaid recipients or any private entity providing
 3853 health care services to Medicaid recipients pursuant to a
 3854 prepaid health plan contract with the Agency for Health Care
 3855 Administration.

3856 Section 19. Effective October 1, 2012, sections 430.701,
 3857 430.702, 430.703, 430.7031, 430.704, 430.705, 430.706, 430.707,
 3858 430.708, and 430.709 Florida Statutes, are repealed.

3859 Section 20. Sections 409.9301, 409.942, 409.944, 409.945,
 3860 409.946, 409.953, and 409.9531, Florida Statutes, are renumbered
 3861 as sections 402.81, 402.82, 402.83, 402.84, 402.85, 402.86, and
 3862 402.87, Florida Statutes, respectively.

3863 Section 21. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
 3864 443.111, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

3865 443.111 Payment of benefits.—

3866 (1) MANNER OF PAYMENT.—Benefits are payable from the fund
 3867 in accordance with rules adopted by the Agency for Workforce
 3868 Innovation, subject to the following requirements:

3869 (a) Benefits are payable by mail or electronically.
 3870 Notwithstanding s. 402.82(4) ~~409.942(4)~~, The agency may develop
 3871 a system for the payment of benefits by electronic funds
 3872 transfer, including, but not limited to, debit cards, electronic
 3873 payment cards, or any other means of electronic payment that the
 3874 agency deems to be commercially viable or cost-effective.
 3875 Commodities or services related to the development of such a
 3876 system shall be procured by competitive solicitation, unless
 3877 they are purchased from a state term contract pursuant to s.
 3878 287.056. The agency shall adopt rules necessary to administer
 3879 the system.

3880 Section 22. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
 3881 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2010, if HB 7223 or
 3882 similar legislation is adopted in the same legislative session
 3883 or an extension thereof and becomes law.