

By Senator Smith

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A bill to be entitled  
 An act relating to eye and vision care; amending s.  
 20.43, F.S.; creating an eye and vision care center  
 for urban and underserved communities; requiring the  
 eye and vision care center to coordinate with certain  
 entities to obtain specified services; amending s.  
 154.01, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
 "primary care services" to add eye and vision care  
 services; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Present paragraph (c) of subsection (7) of  
 section 20.43, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph  
 (d), and a new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, to  
 read:

20.43 Department of Health.—There is created a Department  
 of Health.

(7) To protect and improve the public health, the  
 department may use state or federal funds to:

(c) Establish in the department an eye and vision care  
 center for urban and underserved communities to improve access  
 to eye and vision care services within county health  
 departments. The eye and vision care center shall coordinate  
 with the Board of Optometry, created under chapter 463, the  
 Board of Opticianry, created under part I of chapter 484, trade  
 and charitable organizations, and local vision care specialists  
 and providers to obtain no-cost or low-cost comprehensive vision  
 care services, including vision screening, eye examinations,  
 eyeglasses and contact lenses prescriptions, and corrective  
 lenses.

Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section

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33 154.01, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

34 154.01 County health department delivery system.—

35 (2) A functional system of county health department  
36 services shall be established which shall include the following  
37 three levels of service and be funded as follows:

38 (c) "Primary care services" are acute care and preventive  
39 services that are made available to well and sick persons who  
40 are unable to obtain such services due to lack of income or  
41 other barriers beyond their control. These services are provided  
42 to benefit individuals, improve the collective health of the  
43 public, and prevent and control the spread of disease. Primary  
44 health care services are provided at home, in group settings, or  
45 in clinics. These services shall be supported by available  
46 federal, state, and local funds and shall include services  
47 mandated on a state or federal level. Examples of primary health  
48 care services include, but are not limited to: first contact  
49 acute care services; chronic disease detection and treatment;  
50 maternal and child health services; family planning; nutrition;  
51 school health; supplemental food assistance for women, infants,  
52 and children; home health; eye and vision care services; and  
53 dental services.

54 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.