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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to eligibility for medical assistance  
3       and related services; amending s. 409.904, F.S.;  
4       increasing the period of time for which certain  
5       children are deemed to be Medicaid eligible; providing  
6       an effective date.

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

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10       Section 1. Subsection (6) of section 409.904, Florida  
11       Statutes, is amended to read:

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

20       (6) A child who has not attained the age of 19 who has been  
21       determined eligible for the Medicaid program is deemed to be  
22       eligible for a total of 12 months ~~6 months~~, regardless of  
23       changes in circumstances other than attainment of the maximum  
24       age. Effective January 1, 1999, a child who has not attained the  
25       age of 5 and who has been determined eligible for the Medicaid  
26       program is deemed to be eligible for a total of 12 months  
27       regardless of changes in circumstances other than attainment of  
28       the maximum age.

29       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.