

By Senator Smith

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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. 409.903, F.S.;
4 increasing allowable family income for purposes of
5 determining Medicaid eligibility for certain persons;
6 providing 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 (5) of section 409.903, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 409.903 Mandatory payments for eligible persons.—The agency
13 shall make payments for medical assistance and related services
14 on behalf of the following persons who the department, or the
15 Social Security Administration by contract with the Department
16 of Children and Families, determines to be eligible, subject to
17 the income, assets, and categorical eligibility tests set forth
18 in federal and state law. Payment on behalf of these Medicaid
19 eligible persons is subject to the availability of moneys and
20 any limitations established by the General Appropriations Act or
21 chapter 216.

22 (5) A pregnant woman for the duration of her pregnancy and
23 for the postpartum period as defined in federal law and rule, or
24 a child under age 1, if either is living in a family that has an
25 income that ~~which~~ is at or below 200 percent ~~150 percent~~ of the
26 most current federal poverty level, ~~or, effective January 1,~~
27 ~~1992, that has an income which is at or below 185 percent of the~~
28 ~~most current federal poverty level.~~ Such a person is not subject
29 to an assets test. Further, a pregnant woman who applies for

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30 eligibility for the Medicaid program through a qualified
31 Medicaid provider must be offered the opportunity, subject to
32 federal rules, to be made presumptively eligible for the
33 Medicaid program.

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