

26 | chapter 409 to provide Florida veterans and their families with
27 | access to a quality alternative to the federal veterans' health
28 | care system. The agency, in consultation with the Department of
29 | Veterans' Affairs, is authorized to negotiate with applicable
30 | federal agencies and to seek approval for a waiver, a state plan
31 | amendment, or other federal authorization for federal funding
32 | for the Florida Veterans Care program. Participants deemed
33 | eligible by the federal Veterans Health Administration or the
34 | United States Department of Veterans Affairs may voluntarily
35 | enroll in the Florida Veterans Care program to receive all
36 | necessary managed medical and long-term care services that meet
37 | or exceed the authorized benefits provided under ss. 409.973 and
38 | 409.98, respectively, including home and community-based
39 | services, from plans selected through the competitive bid
40 | process described under part IV of chapter 409. State funds may
41 | not be used to provide medical or long-term care services under
42 | the program or to administer the program. This section does not
43 | affect a person's eligibility for services under the state
44 | Medicaid program. Notwithstanding s. 292.05(7), the agency and
45 | the department may not implement this section without prior
46 | legislative approval.

47 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.