

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to Medicaid coverage for former foster  
 3           youth; amending s. 409.1451, F.S.; requiring the  
 4           Department of Children and Families to develop a  
 5           program to facilitate enrollment of certain young  
 6           adults in Medicaid; authorizing the department to  
 7           coordinate with a community-based care lead agency in  
 8           implementing the program; specifying requirements for  
 9           outreach services provided by the program; amending s.  
 10          409.903, F.S.; revising eligibility for Medicaid  
 11          coverage for certain young adults formerly eligible  
 12          for foster care; providing for presumptive eligibility  
 13          for Medicaid for certain young adults; providing an  
 14          effective date.

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

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 18           Section 1. Subsection (10) of section 409.1451, Florida  
 19   Statutes, is amended to read:

20           409.1451 The Road-to-Independence Program.—

21           (10) MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS FORMERLY IN  
 22   CARE.—

23           (a) Notwithstanding paragraph (2)(a), the department ~~or~~  
 24   ~~community-based care lead agency~~ shall develop a program to  
 25   facilitate the enrollment of ~~document that eligible~~ young adults

26 | eligible for ~~are enrolled in~~ Medicaid under s. 409.903(4).

27 |       (b) The department may coordinate with the community-based  
28 | care lead agency in implementing the program.

29 |       (c) The program must provide outreach services that must  
30 | include:

31 |           1. Notifying eligible or prospectively eligible young  
32 | adults, caregivers, group homes, and residential programs about  
33 | the eligibility and options for enrollment.

34 |           2. Providing technical assistance to eligible young adults  
35 | in enrolling.

36 |           3. Publicizing options for Medicaid enrollment for young  
37 | adults who have lived in foster care.

38 |       Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 409.903, Florida  
39 | Statutes, is amended to read:

40 |       409.903 Mandatory payments for eligible persons.—The  
41 | agency shall make payments for medical assistance and related  
42 | services on behalf of the following persons who the department,  
43 | or the Social Security Administration by contract with the  
44 | Department of Children and Families, determines to be eligible,  
45 | subject to the income, assets, and categorical eligibility tests  
46 | set forth in federal and state law. Payment on behalf of these  
47 | Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the availability of  
48 | moneys and any limitations established by the General  
49 | Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

50 |       (4) A child who is eligible under Title IV-E of the Social

51 Security Act for subsidized board payments, foster care, or  
52 adoption subsidies, and a child for whom the state has assumed  
53 temporary or permanent responsibility and who does not qualify  
54 for Title IV-E assistance but is in foster care, shelter or  
55 emergency shelter care, or subsidized adoption. This category  
56 includes:

57 (a) A young adult who as a child was eligible under Title  
58 IV-E of the Social Security Act for foster care or state-  
59 provided foster care and was living in licensed care in this  
60 state on his or her 18th birthday ~~is eligible to receive~~  
61 ~~services under s. 409.1451~~, until the young adult reaches 26 ~~21~~  
62 years of age, without regard to any income, resource, or  
63 categorical eligibility test that is otherwise required. A young  
64 adult who is eligible for Medicaid under this paragraph must be  
65 offered the opportunity, subject to federal rules, to be made  
66 presumptively eligible.

67 (b) ~~A person who as a child was eligible under Title IV-E~~  
68 ~~of the Social Security Act for foster care or the state provided~~  
69 ~~foster care and who is a participant in the Road-to-Independence~~  
70 ~~Program.~~

71 ~~(c)~~ A child who is eligible for the Guardianship  
72 Assistance Program as provided in s. 39.6225.

73 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.