

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 an effective date.

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

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

18 409.1451 The Road-to-Independence Program.—

19 (10) MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS FORMERLY IN
 20 CARE.—

21 (a) Notwithstanding paragraph (2) (a), the department or
 22 community-based care lead agency shall develop a program to
 23 facilitate the enrollment of ~~document that eligible~~ young adults
 24 eligible for ~~are enrolled in~~ Medicaid under s. 409.903(4).

25 (b) The department may coordinate with the community-based

26 | care lead agency in implementing the program.

27 | (c) The program must provide outreach services that must
 28 | include:

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

32 | 2. Providing technical assistance to eligible young adults
 33 | in enrolling.

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

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

38 | 409.903 Mandatory payments for eligible persons.—The
 39 | agency shall make payments for medical assistance and related
 40 | services on behalf of the following persons who the department,
 41 | or the Social Security Administration by contract with the
 42 | Department of Children and Families, determines to be eligible,
 43 | subject to the income, assets, and categorical eligibility tests
 44 | set forth in federal and state law. Payment on behalf of these
 45 | Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the availability of
 46 | moneys and any limitations established by the General
 47 | Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

48 | (4) A child who is eligible under Title IV-E of the Social
 49 | Security Act for subsidized board payments, foster care, or
 50 | adoption subsidies, and a child for whom the state has assumed

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51 temporary or permanent responsibility and who does not qualify
52 for Title IV-E assistance but is in foster care, shelter or
53 emergency shelter care, or subsidized adoption. This category
54 includes:

55 (a) A young adult who is eligible to receive services
56 under s. 409.1451, until the young adult reaches 21 years of
57 age, without regard to any income, resource, or categorical
58 eligibility test that is otherwise required.

59 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a young adult who as a
60 child was eligible under Title IV-E of the Social Security Act
61 for foster care or state-provided foster care and was living in
62 out-of-home care in this state on his or her 18th birthday until
63 the young adult reaches 26 years of age, without regard to any
64 income, resource, or categorical eligibility test that is
65 otherwise required ~~A person who as a child was eligible under~~
66 ~~Title IV-E of the Social Security Act for foster care or the~~
67 ~~state-provided foster care and who is a participant in the Road-~~
68 ~~to-Independence Program.~~

69 (c) A child who is eligible for the Guardianship
70 Assistance Program as provided in s. 39.6225.

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