

By the Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; and
Senator Garcia

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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 CARE.—

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

24 (b) The department may coordinate with the community-based
25 care lead agency in implementing the program.

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

28 1. Notifying eligible or prospectively eligible young
29 adults, caregivers, group homes, and residential programs about

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30 the eligibility and options for enrollment.

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

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

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

37 409.903 Mandatory payments for eligible persons.—The agency
38 shall make payments for medical assistance and related services
39 on behalf of the following persons who the department, or the
40 Social Security Administration by contract with the Department
41 of Children and Families, determines to be eligible, subject to
42 the income, assets, and categorical eligibility tests set forth
43 in federal and state law. Payment on behalf of these Medicaid
44 eligible persons is subject to the availability of moneys and
45 any limitations established by the General Appropriations Act or
46 chapter 216.

47 (4) A child who is eligible under Title IV-E of the Social
48 Security Act for subsidized board payments, foster care, or
49 adoption subsidies, and a child for whom the state has assumed
50 temporary or permanent responsibility and who does not qualify
51 for Title IV-E assistance but is in foster care, shelter or
52 emergency shelter care, or subsidized adoption. This category
53 includes:

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

58 (b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a young adult who as a

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

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

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