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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Medicaid eligibility; amending s.
 3 409.903, F.S.; revising the period of eligibility for
 4 Medicaid for postpartum women; providing an effective
 5 date.

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 7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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9 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 409.903, Florida
 10 Statutes, is amended to read:

11 409.903 Mandatory payments for eligible persons.—The agency
 12 shall make payments for medical assistance and related services
 13 on behalf of the following persons who the department, or the
 14 Social Security Administration by contract with the Department
 15 of Children and Families, determines to be eligible, subject to
 16 the income, assets, and categorical eligibility tests set forth
 17 in federal and state law. Payment on behalf of these Medicaid
 18 eligible persons is subject to the availability of moneys and
 19 any limitations established by the General Appropriations Act or
 20 chapter 216.

21 (5) A pregnant woman for the duration of her pregnancy and
 22 for the postpartum period as defined in federal law and rule or
 23 consisting of the 365-day period beginning on the last day of
 24 her pregnancy, whichever is longer, or a child under age 1, if
 25 either is living in a family that has an income that ~~which~~ is at
 26 or below ~~150 percent of the most current federal poverty level,~~
 27 ~~er, effective January 1, 1992, that has an income which is at or~~
 28 ~~below~~ 185 percent of the most current federal poverty level.

29 Such a person is not subject to an assets test. Further, a

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

34 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.