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The Conference Committee on SB 2518 recommended the following:

1           **Senate Conference Committee Amendment (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Delete everything after the enacting clause  
5 and insert:

6           Section 1. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 296.37,  
7 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

8           296.37 Residents; contribution to support.-

9           (1) Every resident of the home who receives a pension,  
10 compensation, or gratuity from the United States Government, or  
11 income from any other source of more than \$130 ~~\$105~~ per month,



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12 shall contribute to his or her maintenance and support while a  
13 resident of the home in accordance with a schedule of payment  
14 determined by the administrator and approved by the director.  
15 The total amount of such contributions shall be to the fullest  
16 extent possible but may ~~shall~~ not exceed the actual cost of  
17 operating and maintaining the home.

18 ~~(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), each resident of the~~  
19 ~~home who receives a pension, compensation, or gratuity from the~~  
20 ~~United States Government, or income from any other source, of~~  
21 ~~more than \$130 per month shall contribute to his or her~~  
22 ~~maintenance and support while a resident of the home in~~  
23 ~~accordance with a payment schedule determined by the~~  
24 ~~administrator and approved by the director. The total amount of~~  
25 ~~such contributions shall be to the fullest extent possible, but,~~  
26 ~~in no case, shall exceed the actual cost of operating and~~  
27 ~~maintaining the home. This subsection expires July 1, 2021.~~

28 Section 2. Notwithstanding the expiration date in section  
29 51 of chapter 2020-114, Laws of Florida, paragraph (d) of  
30 subsection (2) of section 400.179, Florida Statutes, is  
31 reenacted to read:

32 400.179 Liability for Medicaid underpayments and  
33 overpayments.—

34 (2) Because any transfer of a nursing facility may expose  
35 the fact that Medicaid may have underpaid or overpaid the  
36 transferor, and because in most instances, any such underpayment  
37 or overpayment can only be determined following a formal field  
38 audit, the liabilities for any such underpayments or  
39 overpayments shall be as follows:

40 (d) Where the transfer involves a facility that has been



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41 leased by the transferor:

42 1. The transferee shall, as a condition to being issued a  
43 license by the agency, acquire, maintain, and provide proof to  
44 the agency of a bond with a term of 30 months, renewable  
45 annually, in an amount not less than the total of 3 months'  
46 Medicaid payments to the facility computed on the basis of the  
47 preceding 12-month average Medicaid payments to the facility.

48 2. A leasehold licensee may meet the requirements of  
49 subparagraph 1. by payment of a nonrefundable fee, paid at  
50 initial licensure, paid at the time of any subsequent change of  
51 ownership, and paid annually thereafter, in the amount of 1  
52 percent of the total of 3 months' Medicaid payments to the  
53 facility computed on the basis of the preceding 12-month average  
54 Medicaid payments to the facility. If a preceding 12-month  
55 average is not available, projected Medicaid payments may be  
56 used. The fee shall be deposited into the Grants and Donations  
57 Trust Fund and shall be accounted for separately as a Medicaid  
58 nursing home overpayment account. These fees shall be used at  
59 the sole discretion of the agency to repay nursing home Medicaid  
60 overpayments or for enhanced payments to nursing facilities as  
61 specified in the General Appropriations Act or other law.  
62 Payment of this fee shall not release the licensee from any  
63 liability for any Medicaid overpayments, nor shall payment bar  
64 the agency from seeking to recoup overpayments from the licensee  
65 and any other liable party. As a condition of exercising this  
66 lease bond alternative, licensees paying this fee must maintain  
67 an existing lease bond through the end of the 30-month term  
68 period of that bond. The agency is herein granted specific  
69 authority to promulgate all rules pertaining to the



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70 administration and management of this account, including  
71 withdrawals from the account, subject to federal review and  
72 approval. This provision shall take effect upon becoming law and  
73 shall apply to any leasehold license application. The financial  
74 viability of the Medicaid nursing home overpayment account shall  
75 be determined by the agency through annual review of the account  
76 balance and the amount of total outstanding, unpaid Medicaid  
77 overpayments owing from leasehold licensees to the agency as  
78 determined by final agency audits. By March 31 of each year, the  
79 agency shall assess the cumulative fees collected under this  
80 subparagraph, minus any amounts used to repay nursing home  
81 Medicaid overpayments and amounts transferred to contribute to  
82 the General Revenue Fund pursuant to s. 215.20. If the net  
83 cumulative collections, minus amounts utilized to repay nursing  
84 home Medicaid overpayments, exceed \$10 million, the provisions  
85 of this subparagraph shall not apply for the subsequent fiscal  
86 year.

87         3. The leasehold licensee may meet the bond requirement  
88 through other arrangements acceptable to the agency. The agency  
89 is herein granted specific authority to promulgate rules  
90 pertaining to lease bond arrangements.

91         4. All existing nursing facility licensees, operating the  
92 facility as a leasehold, shall acquire, maintain, and provide  
93 proof to the agency of the 30-month bond required in  
94 subparagraph 1., above, on and after July 1, 1993, for each  
95 license renewal.

96         5. It shall be the responsibility of all nursing facility  
97 operators, operating the facility as a leasehold, to renew the  
98 30-month bond and to provide proof of such renewal to the agency



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99 annually.

100 6. Any failure of the nursing facility operator to acquire,  
101 maintain, renew annually, or provide proof to the agency shall  
102 be grounds for the agency to deny, revoke, and suspend the  
103 facility license to operate such facility and to take any  
104 further action, including, but not limited to, enjoining the  
105 facility, asserting a moratorium pursuant to part II of chapter  
106 408, or applying for a receiver, deemed necessary to ensure  
107 compliance with this section and to safeguard and protect the  
108 health, safety, and welfare of the facility's residents. A lease  
109 agreement required as a condition of bond financing or  
110 refinancing under s. 154.213 by a health facilities authority or  
111 required under s. 159.30 by a county or municipality is not a  
112 leasehold for purposes of this paragraph and is not subject to  
113 the bond requirement of this paragraph.

114 Section 3. Present subsections (5) through (13) of section  
115 408.061, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (7)  
116 through (15), respectively, subsection (4) is amended, and new  
117 subsections (5) and (6) are added to that section, to read:

118 408.061 Data collection; uniform systems of financial  
119 reporting; information relating to physician charges;  
120 confidential information; immunity.—

121 (4) Within 120 days after the end of its fiscal year, each  
122 health care facility, excluding continuing care facilities, and  
123 hospitals operated by state agencies, ~~and nursing homes~~ as those  
124 terms are defined in s. 408.07, shall file with the agency, on  
125 forms adopted by the agency and based on the uniform system of  
126 financial reporting, its actual financial experience for that  
127 fiscal year, including expenditures, revenues, and statistical



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128 measures. Such data may be based on internal financial reports  
129 which are certified to be complete and accurate by the provider.  
130 However, hospitals' actual financial experience shall be their  
131 audited actual experience. Every nursing home shall submit to  
132 the agency, in a format designated by the agency, a statistical  
133 profile of the nursing home residents. The agency, in  
134 conjunction with the Department of Elderly Affairs and the  
135 Department of Health, shall review these statistical profiles  
136 and develop recommendations for the types of residents who might  
137 more appropriately be placed in their homes or other  
138 noninstitutional settings.

139 (5) Within 120 days after the end of its fiscal year, each  
140 nursing home as defined in s. 408.07 shall file with the agency,  
141 on forms adopted by the agency and based on the uniform system  
142 of financial reporting, its actual financial experience for that  
143 fiscal year, including expenditures, revenues, and statistical  
144 measures. Such data may be based on internal financial reports  
145 that are certified to be complete and accurate by the chief  
146 financial officer of the nursing home. This actual experience  
147 must include the fiscal year-end balance sheet, income  
148 statement, statement of cash flow, and statement of retained  
149 earnings and must be submitted to the agency in addition to the  
150 information filed in the uniform system of financial reporting.  
151 The financial statements must tie to the information submitted  
152 in the uniform system of financial reporting, and a crosswalk  
153 must be submitted along with the financial statements.

154 (6) Within 120 days after the end of its fiscal year, the  
155 home office of each nursing home as defined in s. 408.07 shall  
156 file with the agency, on forms adopted by the agency and based



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157 on the uniform system of financial reporting, its actual  
158 financial experience for that fiscal year, including  
159 expenditures, revenues, and statistical measures. Such data may  
160 be based on internal financial reports that are certified to be  
161 complete and accurate by the chief financial officer of the  
162 nursing home. This actual experience must include the fiscal  
163 year-end balance sheet, income statement, statement of cash  
164 flow, and statement of retained earnings and must be submitted  
165 to the agency in addition to the information filed in the  
166 uniform system of financial reporting. The financial statements  
167 must tie to the information submitted in the uniform system of  
168 financial reporting, and a crosswalk must be submitted along  
169 with the audited financial statements.

170 Section 4. Present subsections (19) through (27) of section  
171 408.07, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (20)  
172 through (28), respectively, and present subsections (28) through  
173 (44) are redesignated as subsections (30) through (46),  
174 respectively, and new subsections (19) and (29) are added to  
175 that section, to read:

176 408.07 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, with the  
177 exception of ss. 408.031-408.045, the term:

178 (19) "FNHURS" means the Florida Nursing Home Uniform  
179 Reporting System developed by the agency.

180 (29) "Home office" has the same meaning as provided in the  
181 Provider Reimbursement Manual, Part 1 (Centers for Medicare and  
182 Medicaid Services, Pub. 15-1), as that definition exists on the  
183 effective date of this act.

184 Section 5. Subsection (5) of section 409.903, Florida  
185 Statutes, is amended to read:



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186           409.903 Mandatory payments for eligible persons.—The agency  
187 shall make payments for medical assistance and related services  
188 on behalf of the following persons who the department, or the  
189 Social Security Administration by contract with the Department  
190 of Children and Families, determines to be eligible, subject to  
191 the income, assets, and categorical eligibility tests set forth  
192 in federal and state law. Payment on behalf of these Medicaid  
193 eligible persons is subject to the availability of moneys and  
194 any limitations established by the General Appropriations Act or  
195 chapter 216.

196           (5) A pregnant woman for the duration of her pregnancy and  
197 for the postpartum period consisting of the 12-month period  
198 beginning on the last day of her pregnancy as defined in federal  
199 law and rule, or a child under age 1, if either is living in a  
200 family that has an income that ~~which~~ is at or ~~below 150 percent~~  
201 ~~of the most current federal poverty level, or, effective January~~  
202 ~~1, 1992, that has an income which is at or~~ below 185 percent of  
203 the most current federal poverty level. Such a person is not  
204 subject to an assets test. Further, a pregnant woman who applies  
205 for eligibility for the Medicaid program through a qualified  
206 Medicaid provider must be offered the opportunity, subject to  
207 federal rules, to be made presumptively eligible for the  
208 Medicaid program.

209           Section 6. Subsection (12) of section 409.904, Florida  
210 Statutes, is amended to read:

211           409.904 Optional payments for eligible persons.—The agency  
212 may make payments for medical assistance and related services on  
213 behalf of the following persons who are determined to be  
214 eligible subject to the income, assets, and categorical





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215 eligibility tests set forth in federal and state law. Payment on  
216 behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the  
217 availability of moneys and any limitations established by the  
218 General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

219 (12) ~~Effective July 1, 2020,~~ The agency shall make payments  
220 to Medicaid-covered services:

221 (a) For eligible children and pregnant women, retroactive  
222 for a period of no more than 90 days before the month in which  
223 an application for Medicaid is submitted.

224 (b) For eligible nonpregnant adults, retroactive to the  
225 first day of the month in which an application for Medicaid is  
226 submitted.

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228 ~~This subsection expires July 1, 2021.~~

229 Section 7. Notwithstanding the expiration date in section  
230 13 of chapter 2020-114, Laws of Florida, subsection (23) of  
231 section 409.908, Florida Statutes, is reenacted to read:

232 409.908 Reimbursement of Medicaid providers.—Subject to  
233 specific appropriations, the agency shall reimburse Medicaid  
234 providers, in accordance with state and federal law, according  
235 to methodologies set forth in the rules of the agency and in  
236 policy manuals and handbooks incorporated by reference therein.  
237 These methodologies may include fee schedules, reimbursement  
238 methods based on cost reporting, negotiated fees, competitive  
239 bidding pursuant to s. 287.057, and other mechanisms the agency  
240 considers efficient and effective for purchasing services or  
241 goods on behalf of recipients. If a provider is reimbursed based  
242 on cost reporting and submits a cost report late and that cost  
243 report would have been used to set a lower reimbursement rate



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244 for a rate semester, then the provider's rate for that semester  
245 shall be retroactively calculated using the new cost report, and  
246 full payment at the recalculated rate shall be effected  
247 retroactively. Medicare-granted extensions for filing cost  
248 reports, if applicable, shall also apply to Medicaid cost  
249 reports. Payment for Medicaid compensable services made on  
250 behalf of Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the  
251 availability of moneys and any limitations or directions  
252 provided for in the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.  
253 Further, nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent  
254 or limit the agency from adjusting fees, reimbursement rates,  
255 lengths of stay, number of visits, or number of services, or  
256 making any other adjustments necessary to comply with the  
257 availability of moneys and any limitations or directions  
258 provided for in the General Appropriations Act, provided the  
259 adjustment is consistent with legislative intent.

260 (23) (a) The agency shall establish rates at a level that  
261 ensures no increase in statewide expenditures resulting from a  
262 change in unit costs for county health departments effective  
263 July 1, 2011. Reimbursement rates shall be as provided in the  
264 General Appropriations Act.

265 (b) 1. Base rate reimbursement for inpatient services under  
266 a diagnosis-related group payment methodology shall be provided  
267 in the General Appropriations Act.

268 2. Base rate reimbursement for outpatient services under an  
269 enhanced ambulatory payment group methodology shall be provided  
270 in the General Appropriations Act.

271 3. Prospective payment system reimbursement for nursing  
272 home services shall be as provided in subsection (2) and in the



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273 General Appropriations Act.

274 Section 8. Upon the expiration and reversion of the  
275 amendments made to section 409.908, Florida Statutes, pursuant  
276 to section 15 of chapter 2020-114, Laws of Florida, subsection  
277 (26) of section 409.908, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

278 409.908 Reimbursement of Medicaid providers.—Subject to  
279 specific appropriations, the agency shall reimburse Medicaid  
280 providers, in accordance with state and federal law, according  
281 to methodologies set forth in the rules of the agency and in  
282 policy manuals and handbooks incorporated by reference therein.  
283 These methodologies may include fee schedules, reimbursement  
284 methods based on cost reporting, negotiated fees, competitive  
285 bidding pursuant to s. 287.057, and other mechanisms the agency  
286 considers efficient and effective for purchasing services or  
287 goods on behalf of recipients. If a provider is reimbursed based  
288 on cost reporting and submits a cost report late and that cost  
289 report would have been used to set a lower reimbursement rate  
290 for a rate semester, then the provider's rate for that semester  
291 shall be retroactively calculated using the new cost report, and  
292 full payment at the recalculated rate shall be effected  
293 retroactively. Medicare-granted extensions for filing cost  
294 reports, if applicable, shall also apply to Medicaid cost  
295 reports. Payment for Medicaid compensable services made on  
296 behalf of Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the  
297 availability of moneys and any limitations or directions  
298 provided for in the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.  
299 Further, nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent  
300 or limit the agency from adjusting fees, reimbursement rates,  
301 lengths of stay, number of visits, or number of services, or



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302 making any other adjustments necessary to comply with the  
303 availability of moneys and any limitations or directions  
304 provided for in the General Appropriations Act, provided the  
305 adjustment is consistent with legislative intent.

306 (26) The agency may receive funds from state entities,  
307 including, but not limited to, the Department of Health, local  
308 governments, and other local political subdivisions, for the  
309 purpose of making special exception payments and Low Income Pool  
310 Program payments, including federal matching funds. Funds  
311 received for this purpose shall be separately accounted for and  
312 may not be commingled with other state or local funds in any  
313 manner. The agency may certify all local governmental funds used  
314 as state match under Title XIX of the Social Security Act to the  
315 extent and in the manner authorized under the General  
316 Appropriations Act and pursuant to an agreement between the  
317 agency and the local governmental entity. In order for the  
318 agency to certify such local governmental funds, a local  
319 governmental entity must submit a final, executed letter of  
320 agreement to the agency, which must be received by October 1 of  
321 each fiscal year and provide the total amount of local  
322 governmental funds authorized by the entity for that fiscal year  
323 under the General Appropriations Act. The local governmental  
324 entity shall use a certification form prescribed by the agency.  
325 At a minimum, the certification form must identify the amount  
326 being certified and describe the relationship between the  
327 certifying local governmental entity and the local health care  
328 provider. Local governmental funds outlined in the letters of  
329 agreement must be received by the agency no later than October  
330 31 of each fiscal year in which such funds are pledged, unless



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331 an alternative plan is specifically approved by the agency. To  
332 be eligible for low-income pool funding or other forms of  
333 supplemental payments funded by intergovernmental transfers, and  
334 in addition to any other applicable requirements, essential  
335 providers identified in s. 409.975(1)(a)2. must offer to  
336 contract with each managed care plan in their region and  
337 essential providers identified in s. 409.975(1)(b)1. and 3. must  
338 offer to contract with each managed care plan in the state.  
339 Before releasing such supplemental payments, in the event the  
340 parties have not executed network contracts, the agency shall  
341 evaluate the parties' efforts to complete negotiations. If such  
342 efforts continue to fail, the agency must withhold such  
343 supplemental payments beginning in the third quarter of the  
344 fiscal year if it determines that, based upon the totality of  
345 the circumstances, the essential provider has negotiated with  
346 the managed care plan in bad faith. If the agency determines  
347 that an essential provider has negotiated in bad faith, it must  
348 notify the essential provider at least 90 days in advance of the  
349 start of the third quarter of the fiscal year and afford the  
350 essential provider hearing rights in accordance with chapter  
351 120.

352 Section 9. Subsections (2), (3), and (10) of section  
353 409.911, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

354 409.911 Disproportionate share program.—Subject to specific  
355 allocations established within the General Appropriations Act  
356 and any limitations established pursuant to chapter 216, the  
357 agency shall distribute, pursuant to this section, moneys to  
358 hospitals providing a disproportionate share of Medicaid or  
359 charity care services by making quarterly Medicaid payments as



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360 required. Notwithstanding the provisions of s. 409.915, counties  
361 are exempt from contributing toward the cost of this special  
362 reimbursement for hospitals serving a disproportionate share of  
363 low-income patients.

364 (2) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall use the  
365 following actual audited data to determine the Medicaid days and  
366 charity care to be used in calculating the disproportionate  
367 share payment:

368 (a) The average of the 3 most recent years of 2012, 2013,  
369 and 2014 audited disproportionate share data available for a  
370 hospital to determine each hospital's Medicaid days and charity  
371 care for each ~~the 2020-2021~~ state fiscal year.

372 ~~(b) If the Agency for Health Care Administration does not~~  
373 ~~have the prescribed 3 years of audited disproportionate share~~  
374 ~~data as noted in paragraph (a) for a hospital, the agency shall~~  
375 ~~use the average of the years of the audited disproportionate~~  
376 ~~share data as noted in paragraph (a) which is available.~~

377 ~~(c)~~ In accordance with s. 1923(b) of the Social Security  
378 Act, a hospital with a Medicaid inpatient utilization rate  
379 greater than one standard deviation above the statewide mean or  
380 a hospital with a low-income utilization rate of 25 percent or  
381 greater shall qualify for reimbursement.

382 (3) Hospitals that qualify for a disproportionate share  
383 payment solely under paragraph (2) (b) ~~(2) (c)~~ shall have their  
384 payment calculated in accordance with the following formulas:

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$$\text{DSHP} = (\text{HMD}/\text{TMSD}) \times \$1 \text{ million}$$

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388 Where:



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389 DSHP = disproportionate share hospital payment.

390 HMD = hospital Medicaid days.

391 TSD = total state Medicaid days.

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393 Any funds not allocated to hospitals qualifying under this  
394 section shall be redistributed to the non-state government owned  
395 or operated hospitals with greater than 3,100 Medicaid days.

396 (10) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the  
397 contrary, for each ~~the 2020-2021~~ state fiscal year, the agency  
398 shall distribute moneys to hospitals providing a  
399 disproportionate share of Medicaid or charity care services as  
400 provided in the ~~2020-2021~~ General Appropriations Act. ~~This~~  
401 ~~subsection expires July 1, 2021.~~

402 Section 10. Subsection (3) of section 409.9113, Florida  
403 Statutes, is amended to read:

404 409.9113 Disproportionate share program for teaching  
405 hospitals.—In addition to the payments made under s. 409.911,  
406 the agency shall make disproportionate share payments to  
407 teaching hospitals, as defined in s. 408.07, for their increased  
408 costs associated with medical education programs and for  
409 tertiary health care services provided to the indigent. This  
410 system of payments must conform to federal requirements and  
411 distribute funds in each fiscal year for which an appropriation  
412 is made by making quarterly Medicaid payments. Notwithstanding  
413 s. 409.915, counties are exempt from contributing toward the  
414 cost of this special reimbursement for hospitals serving a  
415 disproportionate share of low-income patients. The agency shall  
416 distribute the moneys provided in the General Appropriations Act  
417 to statutorily defined teaching hospitals and family practice



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418 teaching hospitals, as defined in s. 395.805, pursuant to this  
419 section. The funds provided for statutorily defined teaching  
420 hospitals shall be distributed as provided in the General  
421 Appropriations Act. The funds provided for family practice  
422 teaching hospitals shall be distributed equally among family  
423 practice teaching hospitals.

424 (3) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the  
425 contrary, for each ~~the 2020-2021~~ state fiscal year, the agency  
426 shall make disproportionate share payments to teaching  
427 hospitals, as defined in s. 408.07, as provided in the ~~2020-2021~~  
428 General Appropriations Act. ~~This subsection expires July 1,~~  
429 ~~2021.~~

430 Section 11. Subsection (4) of section 409.9119, Florida  
431 Statutes, is amended to read:

432 409.9119 Disproportionate share program for specialty  
433 hospitals for children.—In addition to the payments made under  
434 s. 409.911, the Agency for Health Care Administration shall  
435 develop and implement a system under which disproportionate  
436 share payments are made to those hospitals that are separately  
437 licensed by the state as specialty hospitals for children, have  
438 a federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
439 certification number in the 3300-3399 range, have Medicaid days  
440 that exceed 55 percent of their total days and Medicare days  
441 that are less than 5 percent of their total days, and were  
442 licensed on January 1, 2013, as specialty hospitals for  
443 children. This system of payments must conform to federal  
444 requirements and must distribute funds in each fiscal year for  
445 which an appropriation is made by making quarterly Medicaid  
446 payments. Notwithstanding s. 409.915, counties are exempt from





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447 contributing toward the cost of this special reimbursement for  
448 hospitals that serve a disproportionate share of low-income  
449 patients. The agency may make disproportionate share payments to  
450 specialty hospitals for children as provided for in the General  
451 Appropriations Act.

452 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the  
453 contrary, for each ~~the 2020-2021~~ state fiscal year, for  
454 hospitals achieving full compliance under subsection (3), the  
455 agency shall make disproportionate share payments to specialty  
456 hospitals for children as provided in the ~~2020-2021~~ General  
457 Appropriations Act. ~~This subsection expires July 1, 2021.~~

458 Section 12. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
459 409.975, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

460 409.975 Managed care plan accountability.—In addition to  
461 the requirements of s. 409.967, plans and providers  
462 participating in the managed medical assistance program shall  
463 comply with the requirements of this section.

464 (1) PROVIDER NETWORKS.—Managed care plans must develop and  
465 maintain provider networks that meet the medical needs of their  
466 enrollees in accordance with standards established pursuant to  
467 s. 409.967(2)(c). Except as provided in this section, managed  
468 care plans may limit the providers in their networks based on  
469 credentials, quality indicators, and price.

470 (a) Plans must include all providers in the region that are  
471 classified by the agency as essential Medicaid providers, unless  
472 the agency approves, in writing, an alternative arrangement for  
473 securing the types of services offered by the essential  
474 providers. Providers are essential for serving Medicaid  
475 enrollees if they offer services that are not available from any



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476 other provider within a reasonable access standard, or if they  
477 provided a substantial share of the total units of a particular  
478 service used by Medicaid patients within the region during the  
479 last 3 years and the combined capacity of other service  
480 providers in the region is insufficient to meet the total needs  
481 of the Medicaid patients. The agency may not classify physicians  
482 and other practitioners as essential providers. The agency, at a  
483 minimum, shall determine which providers in the following  
484 categories are essential Medicaid providers:

- 485 1. Federally qualified health centers.
- 486 2. Statutory teaching hospitals as defined in s. 408.07(46)  
487 ~~s. 408.07(44)~~.
- 488 3. Hospitals that are trauma centers as defined in s.  
489 395.4001(15).
- 490 4. Hospitals located at least 25 miles from any other  
491 hospital with similar services.

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493 Managed care plans that have not contracted with all essential  
494 providers in the region as of the first date of recipient  
495 enrollment, or with whom an essential provider has terminated  
496 its contract, must negotiate in good faith with such essential  
497 providers for 1 year or until an agreement is reached, whichever  
498 is first. Payments for services rendered by a nonparticipating  
499 essential provider shall be made at the applicable Medicaid rate  
500 as of the first day of the contract between the agency and the  
501 plan. A rate schedule for all essential providers shall be  
502 attached to the contract between the agency and the plan. After  
503 1 year, managed care plans that are unable to contract with  
504 essential providers shall notify the agency and propose an



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505 alternative arrangement for securing the essential services for  
506 Medicaid enrollees. The arrangement must rely on contracts with  
507 other participating providers, regardless of whether those  
508 providers are located within the same region as the  
509 nonparticipating essential service provider. If the alternative  
510 arrangement is approved by the agency, payments to  
511 nonparticipating essential providers after the date of the  
512 agency's approval shall equal 90 percent of the applicable  
513 Medicaid rate. Except for payment for emergency services, if the  
514 alternative arrangement is not approved by the agency, payment  
515 to nonparticipating essential providers shall equal 110 percent  
516 of the applicable Medicaid rate.

517 Section 13. Subsection (1) of section 430.502, Florida  
518 Statutes, is amended to read:

519 430.502 Alzheimer's disease; memory disorder clinics and  
520 day care and respite care programs.—

521 (1) There is established:

522 (a) A memory disorder clinic at each of the three medical  
523 schools in this state;

524 (b) A memory disorder clinic at a major private nonprofit  
525 research-oriented teaching hospital, and may fund a memory  
526 disorder clinic at any of the other affiliated teaching  
527 hospitals;

528 (c) A memory disorder clinic at the Mayo Clinic in  
529 Jacksonville;

530 (d) A memory disorder clinic at the ~~West Florida Regional~~  
531 Medical Center Clinic in Pensacola;

532 (e) A memory disorder clinic operated by Health First in  
533 Brevard County;



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534 (f) A memory disorder clinic at the Orlando Regional  
535 Healthcare System, Inc.;

536 (g) A memory disorder center located in a public hospital  
537 that is operated by an independent special hospital taxing  
538 district that governs multiple hospitals and is located in a  
539 county with a population greater than 800,000 persons;

540 (h) A memory disorder clinic at St. Mary's Medical Center  
541 in Palm Beach County;

542 (i) A memory disorder clinic at Tallahassee Memorial  
543 Healthcare;

544 (j) A memory disorder clinic at Lee Memorial Hospital  
545 created by chapter 63-1552, Laws of Florida, as amended;

546 (k) A memory disorder clinic at Sarasota Memorial Hospital  
547 in Sarasota County;

548 (l) A memory disorder clinic at Morton Plant Hospital,  
549 Clearwater, in Pinellas County;

550 (m) A memory disorder clinic at Florida Atlantic  
551 University, Boca Raton, in Palm Beach County;

552 (n) A memory disorder clinic at AdventHealth in Orange  
553 County; and

554 (o) A memory disorder clinic at Miami Jewish Health System  
555 in Miami-Dade County,  
556  
557 for the purpose of conducting research and training in a  
558 diagnostic and therapeutic setting for persons suffering from  
559 Alzheimer's disease and related memory disorders. However,  
560 memory disorder clinics may ~~shall~~ not receive decreased funding  
561 due solely to subsequent additions of memory disorder clinics in  
562 this subsection.



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563           Section 14. Notwithstanding the expiration date in section  
564 19 of chapter 2020-114, Laws of Florida, paragraph (b) of  
565 subsection (5) of section 624.91, Florida Statutes, is reenacted  
566 to read:

567           624.91 The Florida Healthy Kids Corporation Act.—

568           (5) CORPORATION AUTHORIZATION, DUTIES, POWERS.—

569           (b) The Florida Healthy Kids Corporation shall:

570           1. Arrange for the collection of any family, local  
571 contributions, or employer payment or premium, in an amount to  
572 be determined by the board of directors, to provide for payment  
573 of premiums for comprehensive insurance coverage and for the  
574 actual or estimated administrative expenses.

575           2. Arrange for the collection of any voluntary  
576 contributions to provide for payment of Florida Kidcare program  
577 premiums for children who are not eligible for medical  
578 assistance under Title XIX or Title XXI of the Social Security  
579 Act.

580           3. Subject to the provisions of s. 409.8134, accept  
581 voluntary supplemental local match contributions that comply  
582 with the requirements of Title XXI of the Social Security Act  
583 for the purpose of providing additional Florida Kidcare coverage  
584 in contributing counties under Title XXI.

585           4. Establish the administrative and accounting procedures  
586 for the operation of the corporation.

587           5. Establish, with consultation from appropriate  
588 professional organizations, standards for preventive health  
589 services and providers and comprehensive insurance benefits  
590 appropriate to children, provided that such standards for rural  
591 areas shall not limit primary care providers to board-certified



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592 | pediatricians.

593 |         6. Determine eligibility for children seeking to  
594 | participate in the Title XXI-funded components of the Florida  
595 | Kidcare program consistent with the requirements specified in s.  
596 | 409.814, as well as the non-Title-XXI-eligible children as  
597 | provided in subsection (3).

598 |         7. Establish procedures under which providers of local  
599 | match to, applicants to and participants in the program may have  
600 | grievances reviewed by an impartial body and reported to the  
601 | board of directors of the corporation.

602 |         8. Establish participation criteria and, if appropriate,  
603 | contract with an authorized insurer, health maintenance  
604 | organization, or third-party administrator to provide  
605 | administrative services to the corporation.

606 |         9. Establish enrollment criteria that include penalties or  
607 | waiting periods of 30 days for reinstatement of coverage upon  
608 | voluntary cancellation for nonpayment of family premiums.

609 |         10. Contract with authorized insurers or any provider of  
610 | health care services, meeting standards established by the  
611 | corporation, for the provision of comprehensive insurance  
612 | coverage to participants. Such standards shall include criteria  
613 | under which the corporation may contract with more than one  
614 | provider of health care services in program sites. Health plans  
615 | shall be selected through a competitive bid process. The Florida  
616 | Healthy Kids Corporation shall purchase goods and services in  
617 | the most cost-effective manner consistent with the delivery of  
618 | quality medical care. The maximum administrative cost for a  
619 | Florida Healthy Kids Corporation contract shall be 15 percent.  
620 | For health care contracts, the minimum medical loss ratio for a



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621 Florida Healthy Kids Corporation contract shall be 85 percent.  
622 For dental contracts, the remaining compensation to be paid to  
623 the authorized insurer or provider under a Florida Healthy Kids  
624 Corporation contract shall be no less than an amount which is 85  
625 percent of premium; to the extent any contract provision does  
626 not provide for this minimum compensation, this section shall  
627 prevail. For an insurer or any provider of health care services  
628 which achieves an annual medical loss ratio below 85 percent,  
629 the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation shall validate the medical  
630 loss ratio and calculate an amount to be refunded by the insurer  
631 or any provider of health care services to the state which shall  
632 be deposited into the General Revenue Fund unallocated. The  
633 health plan selection criteria and scoring system, and the  
634 scoring results, shall be available upon request for inspection  
635 after the bids have been awarded.

636 11. Establish disenrollment criteria in the event local  
637 matching funds are insufficient to cover enrollments.

638 12. Develop and implement a plan to publicize the Florida  
639 Kidcare program, the eligibility requirements of the program,  
640 and the procedures for enrollment in the program and to maintain  
641 public awareness of the corporation and the program.

642 13. Secure staff necessary to properly administer the  
643 corporation. Staff costs shall be funded from state and local  
644 matching funds and such other private or public funds as become  
645 available. The board of directors shall determine the number of  
646 staff members necessary to administer the corporation.

647 14. In consultation with the partner agencies, provide a  
648 report on the Florida Kidcare program annually to the Governor,  
649 the Chief Financial Officer, the Commissioner of Education, the



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650 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
651 Representatives, and the Minority Leaders of the Senate and the  
652 House of Representatives.

653 15. Provide information on a quarterly basis to the  
654 Legislature and the Governor which compares the costs and  
655 utilization of the full-pay enrolled population and the Title  
656 XXI-subsidized enrolled population in the Florida Kidcare  
657 program. The information, at a minimum, must include:

658 a. The monthly enrollment and expenditure for full-pay  
659 enrollees in the Medikids and Florida Healthy Kids programs  
660 compared to the Title XXI-subsidized enrolled population; and

661 b. The costs and utilization by service of the full-pay  
662 enrollees in the Medikids and Florida Healthy Kids programs and  
663 the Title XXI-subsidized enrolled population.

664 16. Establish benefit packages that conform to the  
665 provisions of the Florida Kidcare program, as created in ss.  
666 409.810-409.821.

667 Section 15. Subsection (2) of section 1011.52, Florida  
668 Statutes, is amended to read:

669 1011.52 Appropriation to first accredited medical school.—

670 (2) In order for a medical school to qualify under this  
671 section and to be entitled to the benefits herein, such medical  
672 school:

673 (a) Must be primarily operated and established to offer,  
674 afford, and render a medical education to residents of the state  
675 qualifying for admission to such institution;

676 (b) Must be operated by a municipality or county of this  
677 state, or by a nonprofit organization heretofore or hereafter  
678 established exclusively for educational purposes;





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679 (c) Must, upon the formation and establishment of an  
680 accredited medical school, transmit and file with the Department  
681 of Education documentary proof evidencing the facts that such  
682 institution has been certified and approved by the council on  
683 medical education and hospitals of the American Medical  
684 Association and has adequately met the requirements of that  
685 council in regard to its administrative facilities,  
686 administrative plant, clinical facilities, curriculum, and all  
687 other such requirements as may be necessary to qualify with the  
688 council as a recognized, approved, and accredited medical  
689 school;

690 (d) Must certify to the Department of Education the name,  
691 address, and educational history of each student approved and  
692 accepted for enrollment in such institution for the ensuing  
693 school year; and

694 (e) Must have in place an operating agreement with a  
695 government-owned hospital that is located in the same county as  
696 the medical school and that is a statutory teaching hospital as  
697 defined in s. 408.07(46) ~~s. 408.07(44)~~. The operating agreement  
698 must provide for the medical school to maintain the same level  
699 of affiliation with the hospital, including the level of  
700 services to indigent and charity care patients served by the  
701 hospital, which was in place in the prior fiscal year. Each  
702 year, documentation demonstrating that an operating agreement is  
703 in effect shall be submitted jointly to the Department of  
704 Education by the hospital and the medical school prior to the  
705 payment of moneys from the annual appropriation.

706 Section 16. Subject to federal approval of the application  
707 to be a site for the Program of All-inclusive Care for the



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708 Elderly (PACE), the Agency for Health Care Administration shall  
709 contract with one private health care organization, the sole  
710 member of which is a private, not-for-profit corporation that  
711 owns and manages health care organizations that provide  
712 comprehensive long-term care services, including nursing home,  
713 assisted living, independent housing, home care, adult day care,  
714 and care management. This organization shall provide these  
715 services to frail and elderly persons who reside in Escambia,  
716 Okaloosa, and Santa Rosa Counties. The organization is exempt  
717 from the requirements of chapter 641, Florida Statutes. The  
718 agency, in consultation with the Department of Elderly Affairs  
719 and subject to an appropriation, shall approve up to 200 initial  
720 enrollees in the PACE program established by this organization  
721 to serve elderly persons who reside in Escambia, Okaloosa, and  
722 Santa Rosa Counties.

723 Section 17. Subject to federal approval of the application  
724 to be a site for the Program of All-inclusive Care for the  
725 Elderly (PACE), the Agency for Health Care Administration shall  
726 contract with one private, not-for-profit hospital located in  
727 Miami-Dade County to provide comprehensive services to frail and  
728 elderly persons residing in Northwest Miami-Dade County, as  
729 defined by the agency. The hospital is exempt from the  
730 requirements of chapter 641, Florida Statutes. The agency, in  
731 consultation with the Department of Elderly Affairs and subject  
732 to appropriation, shall approve up to 100 initial enrollees in  
733 the PACE program established by this hospital to serve persons  
734 in Northwest Miami-Dade County.

735 Section 18. Subject to federal approval of an application  
736 to be a provider of the Program of All-inclusive Care for the



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737 Elderly (PACE), the Agency for Health Care Administration shall  
738 contract with a private organization that has demonstrated the  
739 ability to operate PACE centers in more than one state and that  
740 serves more than 500 eligible PACE participants, to provide PACE  
741 services to frail and elderly persons who reside in  
742 Hillsborough, Hernando, or Pasco Counties. The organization is  
743 exempt from the requirements of chapter 641, Florida Statutes.  
744 The agency, in consultation with the Department of Elderly  
745 Affairs and subject to the appropriation of funds by the  
746 Legislature, shall approve up to 500 initial enrollees in the  
747 PACE program established by the organization to serve frail and  
748 elderly persons who reside in Hillsborough, Hernando, or Pasco  
749 Counties.

750       Section 19. Subject to federal approval of an application  
751 to be a provider of the Program of All-inclusive Care for the  
752 Elderly (PACE), the Agency for Health Care Administration shall  
753 contract with a private organization that has demonstrated the  
754 ability to service high-risk, frail elderly residents in either  
755 nursing homes or in the community in Florida through its  
756 operation of long-term care facilities, as well as approved  
757 special needs plans for institutionalized Medicare residents.  
758 This organization shall provide these services to frail and  
759 elderly persons who reside in Broward County. The organization  
760 is exempt from the requirements of chapter 641, Florida  
761 Statutes. The agency, in consultation with the Department of  
762 Elderly Affairs and subject to the appropriation of funds by the  
763 Legislature, shall approve up to 300 initial enrollees in the  
764 PACE program established by the organization to serve frail and  
765 elderly persons who reside in Broward County.



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766           Section 20. Subject to federal approval, a current Program  
767 of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) organization that  
768 is authorized to provide PACE services in Northeast Florida and  
769 that is granted authority under section 28 of Chapter 2016-65,  
770 Laws of Florida, for up to 300 enrollee slots to serve frail and  
771 elderly persons residing in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, and St.  
772 Johns Counties, may also use those PACE slots for enrollees  
773 residing in Alachua and Putnam Counties, subject to a contract  
774 amendment with the Agency for Health Care Administration.

775           Section 21. The Program of All-inclusive Care for the  
776 Elderly (PACE) organization that is authorized as of July 1,  
777 2021 to provide PACE services for up to 150 enrollee slots to  
778 serve frail and elderly persons residing in Hospice Service  
779 Areas 7B (Orange and Osceola Counties) and 3E (Lake and Sumter  
780 Counties), as previously authorized by section 29 of Chapter  
781 2016-65, Laws of Florida, and the PACE organization that is  
782 authorized as of July 1, 2021 to provide PACE services for up to  
783 150 initial enrollee slots to serve frail and elderly persons  
784 who reside in Hospice Services Area 7C (Seminole County), as  
785 previously authorized by section 22 of Chapter 2017-129, Laws of  
786 Florida, may be consolidated. With the consolidation, the PACE  
787 organization that has demonstrated the ability to operate PACE  
788 centers in more than one state and that serves more than 500  
789 eligible PACE participants is authorized to provide PACE  
790 services for up to 300 initial enrollee slots to serve frail and  
791 elderly persons who reside in Orange, Osceola, Lake, Sumter, or  
792 Seminole Counties.

793           Section 22. Subject to federal approval, a private  
794 organization that owns and manages a health care organization



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795 that provides comprehensive long-term care services, including  
796 acute care services, independent living through federally  
797 approved affordable housing, and care management, and has  
798 demonstrated the ability to operate Program of All-inclusive  
799 Care for the Elderly (PACE) centers in more than one state is  
800 authorized to provide PACE services to frail and elderly persons  
801 who reside in Seminole, Volusia, or Flagler Counties. The  
802 organization is exempt from the requirements of chapter 641,  
803 Florida Statutes. The agency, in consultation with the  
804 Department of Elderly Affairs, and subject to an appropriation,  
805 shall approve up to 500 initial enrollee slots to serve frail  
806 and elderly persons residing in Seminole, Volusia, or Flagler  
807 Counties.

808 Section 23. Subject to federal approval of the application  
809 to be a site for the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the  
810 Elderly (PACE), the Agency for Health Care Administration shall  
811 contract with one public hospital system operating in the  
812 northern two-thirds of Broward County to provide comprehensive  
813 services to frail and elderly persons residing in the northern  
814 two-thirds of Broward County. The public hospital system is  
815 exempt from the requirements of chapter 641, Florida Statutes.  
816 The agency, in consultation with the Department of Elderly  
817 Affairs, and subject to an appropriation, shall approve up to  
818 200 initial enrollee slots in the PACE program established by  
819 the public hospital system to serve frail and elderly persons  
820 residing in the northern two-thirds of Broward County.

821 Section 24. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.

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823 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====



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824 And the title is amended as follows:

825 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
826 and insert:

827 A bill to be entitled

828 An act relating to health care; amending s. 296.37,  
829 F.S.; revising the amount of money residents of a  
830 veterans' nursing home must receive monthly before  
831 being required to contribute to their maintenance and  
832 support; reenacting s. 400.179(2)(d), F.S., relating  
833 to liability for Medicaid underpayments and  
834 overpayments; amending s. 408.061, F.S.; requiring  
835 nursing homes and their home offices to annually  
836 submit to the Agency of Health Care Administration  
837 certain information within a specified timeframe;  
838 amending s. 408.07, F.S.; defining the terms "FNHURS"  
839 and "home office"; amending s. 409.903, F.S.; revising  
840 the postpartum Medicaid eligibility period for  
841 pregnant women; amending s. 409.904, F.S.; deleting  
842 the effective date and the expiration date of a  
843 provision requiring the agency to make payments to  
844 Medicaid-covered services; reenacting s. 409.908(23),  
845 F.S., relating to reimbursement of Medicaid providers;  
846 amending s. 409.908, F.S.; authorizing the agency to  
847 receive funds to be used for Low Income Pool Program  
848 payments; requiring certain essential providers to  
849 offer to contract with certain managed care plans to  
850 be eligible for low-income pool funding; requiring the  
851 agency to evaluate contract negotiations and withhold  
852 supplemental payments under certain circumstances;



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853 requiring the agency to notify and afford hearing  
854 rights to providers under certain circumstances;  
855 amending s. 409.911, F.S.; revising the years of  
856 audited disproportionate share data the agency must  
857 use for calculating an average for purposes of  
858 calculating disproportionate share payments;  
859 authorizing the agency to use data available for a  
860 hospital; conforming provisions to changes made by the  
861 act; revising the requirement that the agency  
862 distribute moneys to hospitals providing a  
863 disproportionate share of Medicaid or charity care  
864 services, as provided in the General Appropriations  
865 Act, to apply to each fiscal year, rather than a  
866 specified fiscal year; deleting the expiration date of  
867 such requirement; amending s. 409.9113, F.S.; revising  
868 the requirement that the agency make disproportionate  
869 share payments to teaching hospitals, as provided in  
870 the General Appropriations Act, to apply to each  
871 fiscal year, rather than a specified fiscal year;  
872 deleting the expiration date of such requirement;  
873 amending s. 409.9119, F.S.; revising the requirement  
874 that the agency make disproportionate share payments  
875 to certain specialty hospitals for children to apply  
876 to each fiscal year, rather than a specified fiscal  
877 year; deleting the expiration date of such  
878 requirement; amending s. 409.975, F.S.; conforming a  
879 cross-reference; amending s. 430.502, F.S.; revising  
880 the name of a memory disorder clinic in Pensacola;  
881 reenacting s. 624.91(5)(b), F.S., relating to The



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882 Florida Healthy Kids Corporation Act; amending s.  
883 1011.52, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; requiring  
884 the agency to contract with organizations for the  
885 provision of elder care services in specified counties  
886 if certain conditions are met; requiring the agency to  
887 contract with hospitals for the provision of elder  
888 care services in specified counties if certain  
889 conditions are met; authorizing an organization  
890 providing elder care services in specified counties to  
891 provide elder care services in additional specified  
892 counties if certain conditions are met; authorizing  
893 the consolidation of organizations providing elder  
894 care services in specified counties; authorizing an  
895 organization to provide elder care services with the  
896 consolidation if certain criteria are met; authorizing  
897 an organization to provide elder care services in  
898 specified counties if certain criteria are met;  
899 providing an effective date.