

By Senator Baxley

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to Medicaid managed care specialty  
3       plans; amending s. 409.977, F.S.; authorizing Medicaid  
4       managed care specialty plans to continue serving  
5       certain children whose guardians receive guardianship  
6       assistance payments under the Guardianship Assistance  
7       Program; providing an effective date.  
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9   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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11       Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 409.977, Florida  
12       Statutes, is amended to read:

13       409.977 Enrollment.—

14       (5) A specialty plan ~~plans~~ serving a child ~~children~~ in the  
15       care and custody of the department may continue to serve such  
16       child ~~children~~ as long as he or she continues to be eligible for  
17       Medicaid pursuant to s. 409.903 and:

18       (a) Remains ~~They remain~~ in care, including ~~those~~ remaining  
19       in extended foster care pursuant to s. 39.6251;

20       (b) Is, ~~or are~~ in subsidized adoption; or

21       (c) His or her guardian receives guardianship assistance  
22       payments as defined in s. 39.01 under the Guardianship  
23       Assistance Program ~~and continue to be eligible for Medicaid~~  
24       ~~pursuant to s. 409.903.~~

25       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.