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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to Medicaid coverage of rapid whole  
3           genome sequencing; creating s. 409.9063, F.S.;  
4           defining the term "rapid whole genome sequencing";  
5           requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration,  
6           subject to federal approval, to include coverage of  
7           rapid whole genome sequencing as a separately payable  
8           service for certain Medicaid recipients; requiring the  
9           agency to adopt rules; providing an effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. Section 409.9063, Florida Statutes, is created  
14   to read:

15           409.9063 Rapid whole genome sequencing services for  
16 Medicaid recipients.-

17           (1) As used in this section, the term "rapid whole genome  
18 sequencing" means an investigation of the entire human genome,  
19 including coding and noncoding regions and mitochondrial  
20 deoxyribonucleic acid, to identify disease-causing genetic  
21 changes which yields preliminary results within 5 days and the  
22 final results within 14 days. The term includes patient-only  
23 whole genome sequencing and duo and trio whole genome sequencing  
24 of the patient and biological parent or parents.

25           (2) Subject to any required approval of the Centers for

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26 Medicare and Medicaid Services, the agency shall include  
27 coverage of rapid whole genome sequencing as a separately  
28 payable service for a Medicaid recipient who:

29 (a) Is 20 years of age or younger;

30 (b) Has a complex or acute illness of unknown etiology  
31 which is confirmed not to have been caused by an environmental  
32 exposure, a toxic ingestion, an infection with normal response  
33 to therapy, or trauma; and

34 (c) Is receiving inpatient hospital services in an  
35 intensive care unit or a high-acuity pediatric care unit.

36 (3) The agency shall adopt rules to implement this  
37 section.

38 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.