

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to priority enrollment for Medicaid
 3 home and community-based services; amending s.
 4 409.979, F.S.; adding specified individuals to the
 5 list of those who are afforded priority enrollment for
 6 Medicaid home and community-based services through the
 7 long-term care managed care program under certain
 8 circumstances; providing an effective date.

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

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 12 Section 1. Paragraph (f) of subsection (3) of section
 13 409.979, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 409.979 Eligibility.—

15 (3) WAIT LIST, RELEASE, AND OFFER PROCESS.—The Department
 16 of Elderly Affairs shall maintain a statewide wait list for
 17 enrollment for home and community-based services through the
 18 long-term care managed care program.

19 (f) Notwithstanding this subsection, the following
 20 individuals are afforded priority enrollment for home and
 21 community-based services through the long-term care managed care
 22 program and do not have to complete the screening or wait-list
 23 process if all other long-term care managed care program
 24 eligibility requirements are met:

25 1. An individual who is 18, 19, or 20 years of age who has

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26 | a chronic debilitating disease or condition of one or more
27 | physiological or organ systems which generally make the
28 | individual dependent upon 24-hour-per-day medical, nursing, or
29 | health supervision or intervention.

30 | 2. A nursing facility resident who requests to transition
31 | into the community and who has resided in a Florida-licensed
32 | skilled nursing facility for at least 60 consecutive days.

33 | 3. An individual who is referred by the Department of
34 | Children and Families pursuant to the Adult Protective Services
35 | Act, ss. 415.101-415.113, as high risk and who is placed in an
36 | assisted living facility temporarily funded by the Department of
37 | Children and Families.

38 | 4. An individual who has resided in a licensed assisted
39 | living facility in this state for at least 6 months, or for 30
40 | days following referral by the Department of Children and
41 | Families, and who requires assistance with two or more
42 | activities of daily living.

43 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.