

By Senator Garcia

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to subsidy payments for the home care
3 for the elderly program; amending s. 430.605, F.S.;
4 requiring that subsidy payments made by the Department
5 of Elder Affairs for the home care for the elderly
6 program cease for certain persons upon such persons'
7 enrollment in the Medicaid long-term care managed care
8 program; providing construction and applicability;
9 amending s. 430.606, F.S.; conforming provisions to
10 changes made by the act; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. Section 430.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to
15 read:

16 430.605 Subsidy payments.—

17 (1) The department shall develop a schedule of subsidy
18 payments to be made to persons providing home care, and to
19 providers of goods and services, for certain eligible elderly
20 persons. Payments must be based on the financial status of the
21 person receiving care. Payments must include, but need not be
22 limited to:

23 (a)~~(1)~~ A support and maintenance element, including costs
24 of housing, food, clothing, and incidentals.

25 (b)~~(2)~~ Payments for medical, pharmaceutical, and dental
26 services essential to maintain the health of the elderly person
27 and not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or any form of insurance.

28 (c)~~(3)~~ When necessary, special supplements to provide for
29 any goods and services and specialized care required to maintain

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30 the health and well-being of the elderly person. Extraordinary
31 medical, dental, or pharmaceutical expenses may be paid as a
32 special supplement.

33 (2) (a) Subsidy payments made by the department under
34 subsection (1) for an eligible elderly person must cease
35 effective on the date the eligible elderly person enrolls in the
36 Medicaid long-term care managed care program under s. 409.979.

37 (b) Paragraph (a):

38 1. Applies to subsidy payments made for an eligible elderly
39 person who is released from the wait list for the Medicaid long-
40 term care managed care program for enrollment in such program
41 under s. 409.979 on or after July 2, 2025.

42 2. Does not affect in any way subsidy payments made for an
43 eligible elderly person who, as of July 1, 2025:

44 a. Receives services under the home care for the elderly
45 program; and

46 b. Is enrolled in the Medicaid long-term care managed care
47 program under s. 409.979.

48 Section 2. Section 430.606, Florida Statutes, is amended to
49 read:

50 430.606 Eligibility for services.—The criteria for
51 determining eligibility for this program shall be substantially
52 similar to the criteria used to determine eligibility for
53 nursing home care under the Medicaid program. Subsidy payments
54 made by the department to a person providing home care, and to a
55 provider of goods and services, for an eligible elderly person
56 must comply with the requirements of s. 430.605.

57 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.