

HB 1433

2026

A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to medical coverage assistance program for working individuals with disabilities; providing a short title; creating s. 409.9141, F.S.; requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to implement and administer a Medicaid buy-in program for specified working individuals with disabilities under certain circumstances; providing requirements for the program; requiring the agency to seek by a specified date federal approval through a Medicaid waiver or state plan amendment to implement the program; requiring the agency to implement and administer the program upon receiving federal approval; providing an effective date.

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

**Section 1.** This act may be cited as the "Economic Self-Sufficiency for Working Individuals with Disabilities."

Section 2. Section 409.9141, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

409.9141 Medicaid buy-in program for working individuals with disabilities.-

(1) (a) Contingent upon federal approval through a Medicaid waiver or a state plan amendment, the agency shall implement and

26 administer a Medicaid buy-in program, authorized under the  
27 Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999, Pub.  
28 L. No. 106-170, and the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, Pub. L. No.  
29 105-33, for individuals with disabilities who are between 18 and  
30 64 years of age who work and whose incomes exceed the maximum  
31 income eligibility level for initial enrollment to obtain  
32 coverage for medical assistance under the Medicaid program. The  
33 agency shall determine the new income eligibility level for such  
34 individuals.

35 (b) The Medicaid buy-in program under paragraph (a) must  
36 provide full Medicaid benefits to eligible individuals and must  
37 limit any premiums or cost sharing to a percentage, as  
38 determined by the agency, of an eligible individual's income.

39 (2) By October 1, 2026, the agency shall seek federal  
40 approval through a Medicaid waiver or a state plan amendment as  
41 necessary to implement the Medicaid buy-in program under this  
42 section. The agency shall implement and administer the Medicaid  
43 buy-in program upon receiving federal approval.

44 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.