



## **Appropriations Conference Chairs**

House Health Care Budget/  
Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services

### **House Bump Offer #1**

Conforming Bill

Tuesday, June 10, 2025  
412 Knott Building

House Health Care Budget Subcommittee / Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services  
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	House Bill 5301 - Health Care			Senate Bill 2514 - Health and Human Services		BUMP House
Line	Section Number	Description	Status	Section Number	Description	Offer #1
1	1	<b>Health Care Innovation Council.</b> Repeals s. 381.4015, F.S., the Health Care Innovation Council, a 15-member council and the revolving loan program within the Department of Health (DOH), and the revolving loan program which provides for funding for applicants seeking to implement innovative solutions, as directed by the Health Care Innovation Council.	Different			Senate
2			Different	1	<b>Dental Student Loan Repayment Program.</b> Amends s. 381.4019, F.S., authorizing dental and dental hygiene students with job offers from eligible public health programs or private practices to apply for the Dental Student Loan Repayment Program prior to beginning employment.	Senate
3	2	<b>Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program.</b> Amends s. 381.915, F.S., requiring the Cancer Connect Collaborative to seek input from children's specialty hospitals and allow these hospitals to receive funding through the Cancer Innovation Fund. Also changes the submission of the long-range comprehensive plan for the Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program from a one-time requirement to an annual requirement.	Different	2	<b>Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program.</b> Amends s. 381.915, F.S., revising the Cancer Connect Collaborative's membership, establishing grant parameters and reporting requirements for the Cancer Innovation Fund, and creating a five-year Research Incubator to fund targeted cancer research.	Senate

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4	3	<b>Graduate Medical Education.</b> Amends s. 409.909, F.S., removing provisions allowing the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) to fund up to 200 residency slots through the Slots for Doctors Program that were in existence prior to July 1, 2023, and removes certain reporting requirements related to the Graduate Medical Education (GME) Program. The bill also removes the requirement for AHCA to prioritize positions in a primary care specialty when applications exceed the number of allocated resident positions. Additionally, the bill abolishes the Graduate Medical Education Committee.	Different			House
5			Different	3	<b>Bascom Palmer Eye Institute VisionGen Initiative.</b> Amends s. 381.922, F.S., establishing the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute VisionGen Initiative within the William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program in DOH to advance genetic and epigenetic research on inherited eye diseases and ocular oncology by awarding grants through the peer-reviewed, competitive process statutorily-required under the Bankhead-Coley program. The initiative is subject to the annual appropriation of funds by the Legislature.	Senate
6	4	<b>Achieved Savings Rebate.</b> Amends s. 409.967, F.S., removing language which declares the Achieved Savings Rebate audit report as dispositive. The bill also specifies that administrative costs incurred by a Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Plan for the operation of a hospital directed payment program, is not an allowable expense in calculating income for determining the achieved savings rebate.	Different			House

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7			Different	4	<b>Medical Marijuana Use Registry.</b> Amend s. 381. 986, F.S., requiring DOH to revoke the registration of a qualified patient or caregiver when the qualified patient or caregiver is adjudicated guilty, or pleads guilty or no contest, to a violation of ch. 893, F.S.	Senate
8			Different	5	<b>Child and Adolescent Mental Health System of Care.</b> Amends s. 394.495, F.S., authorizing the Department of Children and Families to contract with Valerie's House, Inc., a mental health support program that provides free child grief support services to bereaved children and their caregivers. The contract is subject to the annual appropriation of funds by the Legislature.	House
9			Different	6	<b>Nursing Home Customer Satisfaction Surveys.</b> Amends s. 400.0225, F.S., requiring AHCA to develop user-friendly consumer satisfaction surveys to capture resident and family member satisfaction with care provided by nursing home facilities. Provides requirements for the survey validity, administration, and data reporting.	Senate
10			Different	7	<b>Nursing Home Medical Director Qualifications and Patient Safety Culture Surveys.</b> Amends s. 400.141, F.S., requiring nursing home directors to obtain designation as a certified medical director by the American Medical Directors Association, hold a comparable credential, or be in the process of seeking such designation by January 1, 2026. Also requires each nursing home to conduct, at least biennially, a patient safety culture survey using instruments developed by the federal Agency for Health Care Research and Quality.	Senate
11			Different	8	<b>Nursing Home Survey Results.</b> Amends s. 400.191, F.S., requiring AHCA to include the results of customer satisfaction surveys in its Nursing Home Guide.	Senate

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12			Different	9	<b>Nursing Home Electronic Health Records.</b> Amends s. 408.051, F.S., requiring nursing homes that maintain certified electronic health records technology to make available all admission, transfer, and discharge data to the Florida Health Information Exchange.	Senate
13			Different	10	<b>Nursing Home Financial Reporting.</b> Amends s. 408.061, F.S., creating a fine, effective January 1, 2026, of \$10,000 per violation against a nursing home or home office of a nursing home that fails to comply with the requirement to submit specific audited financial data to the Florida Nursing Home Uniform Reporting System (FNHURS). The bill exempts state-owned nursing homes from the FNHURS submission requirement.	Senate
14			Different	11	<b>Nursing Home Fines.</b> Amends s. 408.08, F.S., clarifying that a facility fined for a FNHURS violation under s. 408.061, F.S., may not also be fined for the same violation under s. 408.08, F.S.	Senate
15			Different	12	<b>Nursing Home Quality Incentive Program.</b> Amends s. 409.908, F.S., directing AHCA to include the results of the consumer satisfaction survey as a quality measure in calculating Medicaid Quality Incentive Program (QIP) payments when sufficient survey data has been collected to be statically valid. The bill also requires AHCA to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature on each QIP payment made and sets minimum requirements for data to include in the report.	Senate

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16			Different	13	<b>Training, Education, and Clinicals in Health (TEACH) Funding Program.</b> Amends s. 409.91256, F.S., expanding the definition of qualified facilities eligible for the TEACH Funding Program to include publicly funded nonprofits serving Medicaid recipients or other low-income patients in areas designated as health professional shortage areas and approved by AHCA. The bill also adds to the program a reimbursement rate of \$22 per hour for nursing students.	Senate
17			Different	14	<b>Nursing Home Quality Incentive Program.</b> Requires AHCA to commission a comprehensive study of nursing home quality incentive programs in other states, provides requirements for the study, and requires submission of a final report to the Governor and Legislature by December 1, 2025.	Senate
17a		<b>Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program.</b> Amends s. 381.915, F.S., authorizing funding in the Casey DeSantis Research Program for cancer centers accredited as Comprehensive Community Cancer Program or Integrated Network Cancer Program.  <b>See House Bump Attachment #1</b>				House New
17b		<b>Medicaid Redetermination.</b> Amends s. 409.904, F.S., requiring a continuous presumtion of Medicaid eligibility for permanantly disabled persons currently receiving Medicaid-covered services.  <b>See House Bump Attachment #2</b>				House New

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17c		<b>PACE Designated Geographic Service Areas.</b> Amends s. 430.84, F.S., allowing a PACE provider to operate in a geographic service area which has an existing provider, if there is a need for additional service availability, as determined by AHCA and CMS.  <b>See House Bump Attachment #3</b>				House New
17d		<b>Premium Assistance.</b> Amends s. 409.977, F.S., authorizing AHCA to provide financial assistance to high-cost Medicaid recipients in excess of the Medicaid premium, if it would be cost effective to do so.  <b>See House Bump Attachment #4</b>				House New
17e		<b>Monthly Rate Structure for Life Skills Development Services.</b> Directs the Agency for Health Care Administration to establish a monthly reimbursement rate for Life Skills Development Levels 3 and 4 services under the iBudget waiver, effective October 1, 2025, and authorizes budget amendments to address any resulting deficits.  <b>See House Bump Attachment #5</b>				House New

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17f		<b>Behavioral Health Teaching Hospitals.</b> Revises the eligibility requirements for hospitals to be designated as behavioral health teaching hospitals by updating residency and fellowship program criteria and clarifying university affiliation requirements.  <b>See House Bump Attachment #6</b>				House New
17g		<b>Dental Hygienist Diode Laser.</b> Amends s. 466.023, F.S., to allow a dental hygienist, under the general supervision of a licensed dentist, to use a dental diode laser if certain criteria are met.  <b>See House Bump Attachment #7</b>				House New
18	5	<b>Effective Date.</b> Provides an effective date of July 1, 2025.	Different	15	<b>Effective Date.</b> Provides an effective date of July 1, 2025, except as otherwise expressly provided in the bill.	



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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to ; amending s. 381.915, F.S.;  
3 authorizing funding in the Casey DeSantis Cancer  
4 Research Program for certain providing an effective  
5 date.

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7 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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9 **Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section**  
10 **381.915, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

11 381.915 Casey DeSantis Cancer Research Program.—

12 (3) On or before September 15 of each year, the department  
13 shall calculate an allocation fraction to be used for  
14 distributing funds to participating cancer centers. On or before  
15 the final business day of each quarter of the state fiscal year,  
16 the department shall distribute to each participating cancer  
17 center one-fourth of that cancer center's annual allocation  
18 calculated under subsection (6). The allocation fraction for  
19 each participating cancer center is based on the cancer center's  
20 tier-designated weight under subsection (4) multiplied by each  
21 of the following allocation factors based on activities in this  
22 state: number of reportable cases, peer-review costs, and  
23 biomedical education and training. As used in this section, the  
24 term:

25 (b) "Cancer center" means a comprehensive center with at

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26 | least one geographic site in the state, a freestanding center  
27 | located in the state, a center situated within an academic  
28 | institution, a community cancer center accredited by the  
29 | American College of Surgeons as a Comprehensive Community Cancer  
30 | Program or Integrated Network Cancer Program, or a Florida-based  
31 | formal research-based consortium under centralized leadership  
32 | that has achieved NCI designation or is prepared to achieve NCI  
33 | designation by June 30, 2024.

34 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

## Attachment #2

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1 A bill to be entitled  
2 An act relating to ; amending s. 409.904, F.S.;  
3 requiring that certain Medicaid-eligible persons who  
4 receive specified Medicaid-covered services be  
5 presumed eligible for continued Medicaid coverage  
6 during redetermination processes; requiring the Agency  
7 for Health Care Administration to continue to make  
8 payments for such services; providing exceptions;  
9 requiring certain persons to notify the agency and the  
10 Department of Children and Families of certain changes  
11 in disability or economic status; authorizing the  
12 department to conduct a redetermination of eligibility  
13 under certain circumstances; requiring the department  
14 to make notifications under certain circumstances;  
15 requiring the agency to seek federal authorization to  
16 exempt certain persons from annual redetermination of  
17 eligibility; requiring the agency and the department  
18 to develop a specified process; providing an effective  
19 date.  
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21 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:  
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23 **Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 409.904, Florida**  
24 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

25 409.904 Optional payments for eligible persons.—The agency

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26 | may make payments for medical assistance and related services on  
27 | behalf of the following persons who are determined to be  
28 | eligible subject to the income, assets, and categorical  
29 | eligibility tests set forth in federal and state law. Payment on  
30 | behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the  
31 | availability of moneys and any limitations established by the  
32 | General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

33 |       (1)(a) Subject to federal waiver approval, a person who is  
34 | age 65 or older or is determined to be disabled, whose income is  
35 | at or below 88 percent of the federal poverty level, whose  
36 | assets do not exceed established limitations, and who is not  
37 | eligible for Medicare or, if eligible for Medicare, is also  
38 | eligible for and receiving Medicaid-covered institutional care  
39 | services, hospice services, or home and community-based  
40 | services. The agency shall seek federal authorization through a  
41 | waiver to provide this coverage.

42 |       (b) 1. A person who was initially determined eligible for  
43 | Medicaid under paragraph (a) and is receiving Medicaid-covered  
44 | institutional care services or hospice services, or a person who  
45 | is receiving home and community-based services pursuant to s.  
46 | 393.066 or s. 409.978, shall be presumed eligible for continued  
47 | coverage for these Medicaid-covered services during any  
48 | redetermination process, and the agency shall continue to make  
49 | payments for such services, unless the person experiences a  
50 | material change in disability or economic status which results

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51 in a loss of eligibility. In the event of such a change in  
52 disability or economic status, the person or his or her  
53 designated caregiver or responsible party shall notify the  
54 agency and the Department of Children and Families of such  
55 change, and the Department of Children and Families may conduct  
56 a redetermination of eligibility. If such redetermination is  
57 conducted, the Department of Children and Families must notify  
58 the person or his or her designated caregiver or responsible  
59 party before the commencement of the redetermination and, at its  
60 conclusion, the results of the redetermination.

61 2. The agency shall, no later than October 1, 2025, seek  
62 federal authorization to exempt a Medicaid-eligible disabled  
63 person from annual redetermination of eligibility pursuant to  
64 this paragraph.

65 3. The agency and the Department of Children and Families  
66 shall develop a process to facilitate the notifications required  
67 under subparagraph 1.

68 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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CHAMBER ACTION

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Representative(s) offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove line(s) - and insert:

Section 1. **Subsection (3) of section 430.84, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

430.84 Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly.—

(3) PACE ORGANIZATION SELECTION.—The agency, in consultation with the department, shall, on a continuous basis, review and consider applications required by the CMS for PACE that have been submitted to the agency by entities seeking initial state approval to become PACE organizations. Notice of such applications shall be published in the Florida Administrative Register.

(a) A prospective PACE organization shall submit application documents to the agency before requesting program funding. Application documents submitted to and reviewed by the agency, in consultation with the department, must include all of the following:

1. Evidence that the applicant has the ability to meet all of the applicable federal regulations and requirements,

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22 established by the CMS, for participation as a PACE organization  
23 by the proposed implementation date.

24 2. Market studies, including an estimate of the number of  
25 potential participants and the geographic service area in which  
26 the applicant proposes to serve.

27 3. A business plan of operation, including pro forma  
28 financial statements and projections, based on the proposed  
29 implementation date.

30 (b) Each applicant must propose to serve a unique and  
31 defined geographic service area. In designating a service area  
32 under a PACE program agreement, the State administering agency,  
33 may exclude from designation an area that is already covered  
34 under another PACE program agreement in order to avoid  
35 unnecessary duplication of services and avoid impairing the  
36 financial and service viability of an existing program. However,  
37 if a new applicant submits a letter of intent to establish a  
38 PACE program in an area where an existing program has been  
39 established and operating for at least 10 years, the state shall  
40 determine whether there is an unmet need that could be provided  
41 by the new program. The applicant must satisfactorily  
42 demonstrate to the State administering agency that there is  
43 justification for the proposed PACE program. All applicants must  
44 demonstrate in the application that the PACE services provided  
45 by the proposed PACE program will be comprehensive and organized  
46 to meet all state and CMS requirements. without duplication of

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~~services or target populations. No more than one PACE organization may be authorized to provide services within any unique and defined geographic service area.~~

(c) Upon agency approval, a PACE organization that is authorized to provide and has received funding for PACE slots in a given geographic area may use such slots and funding to serve the needs of participants in a contiguous geographic area if such PACE organization is authorized to provide PACE services in that area.

(d) An existing PACE organization seeking authority to serve an additional geographic service area not previously authorized by the agency or Legislature shall meet the requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) and (b).

(e) Any prospective PACE organization that is granted initial state approval by the agency, in consultation with the department, shall submit its complete federal PACE application, in accordance with the application process and guidelines established by the CMS, to the agency and the CMS within 12 months after the date of initial state approval, or such approval is void.

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**T I T L E   A M E N D M E N T**

Remove line(s) - and insert:



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72 | amending s. 430.84, F.S.; amends the geographic area  
73 | requirements for PACE organizations;

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An act relating to ; amending s. 409.977, F.S.;  
authorizing the Agency for Health Care Administration  
to provide premium assistance above a certain amount  
if determined to be cost-effective; employer providing  
an effective date.

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

**Section 1. Subsection (4) of section 409.977, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:**

409.977 Enrollment.—

(4) The agency shall develop a process to enable a  
recipient with access to employer-sponsored health care coverage  
to opt out of all managed care plans and to use Medicaid  
financial assistance to pay for the recipient's share of the  
cost in such employer-sponsored coverage. The agency shall also  
enable recipients with access to other insurance or related  
products providing access to health care services created  
pursuant to state law, including any product available under the  
Florida Health Choices Program, or any health exchange, to opt  
out. The amount of financial assistance provided for each  
recipient may not exceed the amount of the Medicaid premium that  
would have been paid to a managed care plan for that recipient.  
The agency shall require Medicaid recipients with access to

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26 employer-sponsored health care coverage to enroll in that  
27 coverage and use Medicaid financial assistance to pay for the  
28 recipient's share of the cost for such coverage. The amount of  
29 financial assistance provided for each recipient may not exceed  
30 the amount of the Medicaid premium that would have been paid to  
31 a managed care plan for that recipient The agency may exceed  
32 this amount for a high-cost patient if it determines it would be  
33 cost effective to do so. The agency shall annually, beginning  
34 June 30, 2026, submit an annual report on the program to the  
35 legislature including, but not limited to, the level of  
36 participation; participant demographics, income levels, type of  
37 employer-based coverage, and amount of health care utilization;  
38 and a cost-effectiveness analysis both in the aggregate and on  
39 an individual patient basis.

40       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

## Attachment #5

S.393.066, F.S. Community services and treatment for persons with developmental disabilities.

(9) The Agency for Health Care Administration shall amend the Florida Medicaid Developmental Disabilities Individual Budgeting Waiver Services Provider Rate Table to establish a monthly reimbursement rate, effective October 1, 2025, for Life Skills Development Levels 3 and 4 services provided to recipients who attend such services for at least 16 days during a calendar month. Providers shall continue to be reimbursed at the existing daily rate for recipients who attend fewer than 16 days during the calendar month.

The agency shall develop a methodology to monitor and evaluate the fiscal impact of the revised reimbursement methodology and shall submit quarterly reports to the chair of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the chair of the House of Representatives Budget Committee, and the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget detailing the fiscal impacts realized.

The agency is authorized to submit budget amendments pursuant to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, to request the release of funds appropriated in the Home and Community-Based Services Waiver—Lump Sum category, as necessary to prevent a projected deficit resulting from increased expenditures due to the revised reimbursement methodology.

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to ; amending s. 395.902, F.S.;  
revising criteria a hospital must meet to receive a  
behavioral health teaching hospital designation;  
providing an effective date.

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

**Section 1. Paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (2) of  
section 395.902, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

395.902 Behavioral health teaching hospitals.—

(2) To be designated as a behavioral health teaching  
hospital, a hospital must meet all of the following criteria:

(b) Offer a psychiatric residency program accredited  
through the Residency Review Committee of the Accreditation  
Council of Graduate Medical Education and offer, ~~or have filed~~  
~~an application for approval to establish, an accredited~~  
~~postdoctoral clinical psychology fellowship program.~~

(d) Establish and maintain an affiliation with a  
university in this state with one of the accredited Florida-  
based medical schools listed under s. 458.3145(1)(i)1.-6., 8.,  
or 10., to create and maintain integrated workforce development  
programs for students of the university's colleges or schools of  
medicine, nursing, psychology, social work, or public health  
related to the entire continuum of behavioral health care,

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26 including, at a minimum, screening, therapeutic and supportive  
27 services, community outpatient care, crisis stabilization,  
28 short-term residential treatment, and long-term care.  
29 Notwithstanding paragraphs (4) (b) and (c), a university may  
30 affiliate with only one hospital. A university with an  
31 osteopathic medical school and an allopathic medical school may  
32 affiliate with no more than one hospital for each type of  
33 school.

34       Section 2.   This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

## Attachment #7

466.023 Dental hygienists; scope and area of practice.—

(8) A dental hygienist, under the general supervision of a licensed dentist, may use a dental diode laser for the purpose of bacterial reduction or disinfection of gingival sulcus at settings that preclude hard and soft tissue removal except for incidental gingival curettage, in a manner consistent with the dental hygienist's scope of practice, if the following criteria are met:

(a) The dental hygienist has obtained certification for the completion of an interactive didactic and clinical training course which includes laser safety, infection control, patient management, and the operation of specific lasers utilized in dental practice. The course must consist of a minimum of 12 hours of in-person instruction, including 3 hours of hours of clinical simulation training, and must be obtained through a course provided or recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association or an organization approved by the board.

(b) The dental hygienist maintains evidence of obtaining the required certification which is prominently displayed at the location where the dental hygienist is authorized to utilize a dental diode laser.

(c) The dental hygienist completes 2 hours of continuing education every 2 years on the use of dental diode lasers in the practice of dental hygiene.

(d) The dental hygienist provides evidence of completion of the required certification and continuing education to the board.