

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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Senator Evers moved the following:

Senate Amendment to Amendment (566056) (with title amendment)

Between lines 164 and 165 insert:

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Section 5. Subsection (1) and paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (8) of section 409.902, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

409.902 Designated single state agency; payment requirements; program title; release of medical records.-

(1) The Agency for Health Care Administration is designated as the single state agency authorized to make payments for medical assistance and related services under Title XIX of the

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Social Security Act. These payments shall be made, subject to any limitations or directions provided for in the General Appropriations Act, only for services included in the program, shall be made only on behalf of eligible individuals, and shall be made only to qualified providers in accordance with federal requirements for Title XIX of the Social Security Act and the provisions of state law. This program of medical assistance is designated the "Medicaid program." The Department of Children and Families Family Services is responsible for Medicaid eligibility determinations, including, but not limited to, policy, rules, reviewing financial transactions affecting eligibility, and the agreement with the Social Security Administration for Medicaid eligibility determinations for Supplemental Security Income recipients, as well as the actual determination of eligibility. As a condition of Medicaid eligibility, subject to federal approval, the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Department of Children and Families Family Services shall ensure that each recipient of Medicaid consents to the release of her or his medical records to the Agency for Health Care Administration and the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Department of Legal Affairs.

- (8) The department shall implement the following project governance structure until the system is implemented:
- (a) The Secretary of Children and Families Family Services shall have overall responsibility for the project.
- (b) The project shall be governed by an executive steering committee composed of three department staff members appointed by the Secretary of Children and Families Family Services; three agency staff members, including at least two state Medicaid

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program staff members, appointed by the Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration; one staff member from Children's Medical Services within the Department of Health appointed by the Surgeon General; and a representative from the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation.

Section 6. Section 409.9022, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

- 409.9022 Medicaid eligibility; burial expense exemption.-
- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the department, in determining an applicant's eligibility for Medicaid, shall exempt the value of a life insurance policy, annuity, or group certificate that:
- (a) Includes terms that preclude the use of its proceeds for anything other than the payment of the owner's final burial expense and has a face amount that does not exceed the limits established under s. 626.785(3);
- (b) Names the state as the irrevocable beneficiary such that any proceeds of the life insurance policy, annuity, or group certificate which exceed the final burial expense will be remitted to the state up to the amount of Medicaid assistance provided to the owner; and
- (c) Provides the owner with the opportunity to name a contingent beneficiary if the proceeds from the policy exceed the cost of:
 - 1. The owner's final burial expenses; and
 - 2. The amount of Medicaid benefits provided to the owner.
- (2) This section does not limit other exemptions that apply to a life insurance policy, annuity, or group certificate when determining an applicant's eligibility for Medicaid.



- (3) If a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a federal agency is necessary to implement any provision of this section, the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or authorization and may delay implementing such provision until the waiver or authorization is granted.
- (4) The Department of Children and Families may adopt rules to administer this section.

======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========== And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 187

and insert:

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expedited review; amending s. 409.902, F.S.; requiring the Department of Children and Families to review financial transactions affecting eligibility; making technical corrections; creating s. 409.9022, F.S.; exempting the value of a Medicaid applicant's life insurance policy, annuity, or group certificate from the determination of the applicant's Medicaid eligibility under certain circumstances; authorizing a state agency to delay implementation of certain provisions if a federal waiver or authorization is required; specifying limitations; authorizing the department to adopt rules; amending s. 409.9122, F.S.; providing an effective date.