

By the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-Term Care; and  
Senator Saunders

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to social and economic  
assistance; amending s. 409.904, F.S.;  
authorizing the Agency for Health Care  
Administration to make medical assistance  
available to certain persons who are  
hospitalized in state-designated trauma  
centers; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (11) is added to section  
409.904, Florida Statutes, to read:

409.904 Optional payments for eligible persons.--The  
agency may make payments for medical assistance and related  
services on behalf of the following persons who are determined  
to be eligible subject to the income, assets, and categorical  
eligibility tests set forth in federal and state law. Payment  
on behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the  
availability of moneys and any limitations established by the  
General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

(11) A person under age 65 who is hospitalized in a  
state-approved trauma center for multiple significant trauma,  
DRGs 484-487, and whose family income, after deductions for  
uninsured medical expenses, is at or below 200 percent of the  
federal poverty level.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
Senate Bill 694

The Bill provides for Medicaid to cover persons under age 65 who are hospitalized in a state-approved rather than state-designated trauma center for multiple significant trauma diagnosis related groups, and who meet other specified criteria.