

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to health care; amending s. 296.37,
3 F.S.; revising the threshold dollar amount relating to
4 a requirement that a resident of a certain health care
5 facility contribute to his or her maintenance and
6 support; reenacting s. 400.179, F.S., relating to
7 specified fees collected by the Agency for Health Care
8 Administration from certain nursing homes to maintain
9 the lease bond alternative; amending s. 408.061, F.S.;
10 requiring nursing homes and their home offices to
11 annually submit to the agency audited financial data
12 and certain other information within a specified
13 timeframe using a certain uniform system of financial
14 reporting; amending s. 408.07, F.S.; providing
15 definitions; amending s. 409.903, F.S.; extending the
16 postpartum Medicaid eligibility period for pregnant
17 women; amending s. 409.904, F.S.; revising a date
18 relating to a requirement that the agency make
19 payments for Medicaid-covered services retroactive for
20 a specified period for certain eligible persons;
21 abrogating the future expiration of certain
22 provisions; reenacting s. 409.908, F.S., relating to
23 the agency's implementation of a state Title XIX Long-
24 Term Care Reimbursement Plan for nursing home care,
25 the reimbursement of Medicaid providers, and Low

26 Income Pool Program payments; amending s. 409.975,
 27 F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; reenacting s.
 28 624.91, F.S., relating to a requirement that the
 29 Florida Healthy Kids Corporation validate the medical
 30 loss ratio and calculate a refund amount for insurers
 31 and providers of health care services who meet certain
 32 criteria; amending s. 1011.52, F.S.; conforming a
 33 cross-reference; providing an effective date.
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35 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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37 Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 296.37, Florida
 38 Statutes, is amended to read:

39 296.37 Residents; contribution to support.—

40 (1) Every resident of the home who receives a pension,
 41 compensation, or gratuity from the United States Government, or
 42 income from any other source of more than \$130 ~~\$105~~ per month,
 43 shall contribute to his or her maintenance and support while a
 44 resident of the home in accordance with a schedule of payment
 45 determined by the administrator and approved by the director.
 46 The total amount of such contributions shall be to the fullest
 47 extent possible but shall not exceed the actual cost of
 48 operating and maintaining the home.

49 Section 2. Notwithstanding the expiration date in section
 50 51 of chapter 2020-114, Laws of Florida, paragraph (d) of

51 subsection (2) of section 400.179, Florida Statutes, is
52 reenacted to read:

53 400.179 Liability for Medicaid underpayments and
54 overpayments.—

55 (2) Because any transfer of a nursing facility may expose
56 the fact that Medicaid may have underpaid or overpaid the
57 transferor, and because in most instances, any such underpayment
58 or overpayment can only be determined following a formal field
59 audit, the liabilities for any such underpayments or
60 overpayments shall be as follows:

61 (d) Where the transfer involves a facility that has been
62 leased by the transferor:

63 1. The transferee shall, as a condition to being issued a
64 license by the agency, acquire, maintain, and provide proof to
65 the agency of a bond with a term of 30 months, renewable
66 annually, in an amount not less than the total of 3 months'
67 Medicaid payments to the facility computed on the basis of the
68 preceding 12-month average Medicaid payments to the facility.

69 2. A leasehold licensee may meet the requirements of
70 subparagraph 1. by payment of a nonrefundable fee, paid at
71 initial licensure, paid at the time of any subsequent change of
72 ownership, and paid annually thereafter, in the amount of 1
73 percent of the total of 3 months' Medicaid payments to the
74 facility computed on the basis of the preceding 12-month average
75 Medicaid payments to the facility. If a preceding 12-month

76 | average is not available, projected Medicaid payments may be
77 | used. The fee shall be deposited into the Grants and Donations
78 | Trust Fund and shall be accounted for separately as a Medicaid
79 | nursing home overpayment account. These fees shall be used at
80 | the sole discretion of the agency to repay nursing home Medicaid
81 | overpayments or for enhanced payments to nursing facilities as
82 | specified in the General Appropriations Act or other law.
83 | Payment of this fee shall not release the licensee from any
84 | liability for any Medicaid overpayments, nor shall payment bar
85 | the agency from seeking to recoup overpayments from the licensee
86 | and any other liable party. As a condition of exercising this
87 | lease bond alternative, licensees paying this fee must maintain
88 | an existing lease bond through the end of the 30-month term
89 | period of that bond. The agency is herein granted specific
90 | authority to promulgate all rules pertaining to the
91 | administration and management of this account, including
92 | withdrawals from the account, subject to federal review and
93 | approval. This provision shall take effect upon becoming law and
94 | shall apply to any leasehold license application. The financial
95 | viability of the Medicaid nursing home overpayment account shall
96 | be determined by the agency through annual review of the account
97 | balance and the amount of total outstanding, unpaid Medicaid
98 | overpayments owing from leasehold licensees to the agency as
99 | determined by final agency audits. By March 31 of each year, the
100 | agency shall assess the cumulative fees collected under this

101 subparagraph, minus any amounts used to repay nursing home
102 Medicaid overpayments and amounts transferred to contribute to
103 the General Revenue Fund pursuant to s. 215.20. If the net
104 cumulative collections, minus amounts utilized to repay nursing
105 home Medicaid overpayments, exceed \$10 million, the provisions
106 of this subparagraph shall not apply for the subsequent fiscal
107 year.

108 3. The leasehold licensee may meet the bond requirement
109 through other arrangements acceptable to the agency. The agency
110 is herein granted specific authority to promulgate rules
111 pertaining to lease bond arrangements.

112 4. All existing nursing facility licensees, operating the
113 facility as a leasehold, shall acquire, maintain, and provide
114 proof to the agency of the 30-month bond required in
115 subparagraph 1., above, on and after July 1, 1993, for each
116 license renewal.

117 5. It shall be the responsibility of all nursing facility
118 operators, operating the facility as a leasehold, to renew the
119 30-month bond and to provide proof of such renewal to the agency
120 annually.

121 6. Any failure of the nursing facility operator to
122 acquire, maintain, renew annually, or provide proof to the
123 agency shall be grounds for the agency to deny, revoke, and
124 suspend the facility license to operate such facility and to
125 take any further action, including, but not limited to,

126 enjoining the facility, asserting a moratorium pursuant to part
127 II of chapter 408, or applying for a receiver, deemed necessary
128 to ensure compliance with this section and to safeguard and
129 protect the health, safety, and welfare of the facility's
130 residents. A lease agreement required as a condition of bond
131 financing or refinancing under s. 154.213 by a health facilities
132 authority or required under s. 159.30 by a county or
133 municipality is not a leasehold for purposes of this paragraph
134 and is not subject to the bond requirement of this paragraph.

135 Section 3. Subsections (5) through (13) of section
136 408.061, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (7)
137 through (15), respectively, subsection (4) is amended, and new
138 subsections (5) and (6) are added to that section, to read:

139 408.061 Data collection; uniform systems of financial
140 reporting; information relating to physician charges;
141 confidential information; immunity.—

142 (4) Within 120 days after the end of its fiscal year, each
143 health care facility, excluding continuing care facilities, and
144 hospitals operated by state agencies, ~~and nursing homes~~ as those
145 terms are defined in s. 408.07, shall file with the agency, on
146 forms adopted by the agency and based on the uniform system of
147 financial reporting, its actual financial experience for that
148 fiscal year, including expenditures, revenues, and statistical
149 measures. Such data may be based on internal financial reports
150 which are certified to be complete and accurate by the provider.

151 However, hospitals' actual financial experience shall be their
152 audited actual experience. Every nursing home shall submit to
153 the agency, in a format designated by the agency, a statistical
154 profile of the nursing home residents. The agency, in
155 conjunction with the Department of Elderly Affairs and the
156 Department of Health, shall review these statistical profiles
157 and develop recommendations for the types of residents who might
158 more appropriately be placed in their homes or other
159 noninstitutional settings.

160 (5) Within 120 days after the end of its fiscal year, each
161 nursing home as defined in s. 408.07 shall file with the agency,
162 on forms adopted by the agency and based on the uniform system
163 of financial reporting, its actual financial experience for that
164 fiscal year, including expenditures, revenues, and statistical
165 measures. Such data may be based on internal financial reports
166 which are certified to be complete and accurate by the chief
167 financial officer of the nursing home. However, the nursing
168 home's actual financial experience shall be its audited actual
169 financial experience, as audited by an independent certified
170 public accountant. This audited actual experience shall include
171 the fiscal year-end balance sheet, income statement, statement
172 of cash flow, and statement of retained earnings and shall be
173 submitted to the agency in addition to the information filed in
174 the uniform system of financial reporting. The nursing home
175 shall provide all necessary records for the independent

176 certified public accountant to form an opinion and complete an
177 accurate audit report. The independent certified public
178 accountant's opinion and audit report shall accompany the
179 financial statements submitted to the agency. The audited
180 financial statements shall tie to the information submitted in
181 the uniform system of financial reporting and a crosswalk shall
182 be submitted along with the audited financial statements.

183 (6) Within 120 days after the end of its fiscal year, the
184 home office of each nursing home as defined in s. 408.07 shall
185 file with the agency, on forms adopted by the agency and based
186 on the uniform system of financial reporting, its actual
187 financial experience for that fiscal year, including
188 expenditures, revenues, and statistical measures. Such data may
189 be based on internal financial reports which are certified to be
190 complete and accurate by the chief financial officer of the
191 nursing home. However, the home office's actual financial
192 experience shall be its audited actual financial experience, as
193 audited by an independent certified public accountant. This
194 audited actual experience shall include the fiscal year-end
195 balance sheet, income statement, statement of cash flow, and
196 statement of retained earnings and shall be submitted to the
197 agency in addition to the information filed in the uniform
198 system of financial reporting. The home office shall provide all
199 necessary records for the independent certified public
200 accountant to form an opinion and complete an accurate audit

201 report. The independent certified public accountant's opinion
202 and audit report shall accompany the financial statements
203 submitted to the agency. The audited financial statements shall
204 tie to the information submitted in the uniform system of
205 financial reporting and a crosswalk shall be submitted along
206 with the audited financial statements.

207 Section 4. Subsections (19) through (27) of section
208 408.07, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (20)
209 through (28), respectively, and subsections (28) through (44)
210 are renumbered as subsections (30) through (46), and new
211 subsections (19) and (29) are added to that section, to read:

212 408.07 Definitions.—As used in this chapter, with the
213 exception of ss. 408.031-408.045, the term:

214 (19) "FNHURS" means the Florida Nursing Home Uniform
215 Reporting System developed by the agency.

216 (29) "Home office" has the same meaning as provided in the
217 Provider Reimbursement Manual, Part 1 (Centers for Medicare and
218 Medicaid Services, Pub. 15-1), as that definition exists on the
219 effective date of this act.

220 Section 5. Subsection (5) of section 409.903, Florida
221 Statutes, is amended to read:

222 409.903 Mandatory payments for eligible persons.—The
223 agency shall make payments for medical assistance and related
224 services on behalf of the following persons who the department,
225 or the Social Security Administration by contract with the

226 Department of Children and Families, determines to be eligible,
227 subject to the income, assets, and categorical eligibility tests
228 set forth in federal and state law. Payment on behalf of these
229 Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the availability of
230 moneys and any limitations established by the General
231 Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

232 (5) A pregnant woman for the duration of her pregnancy and
233 for the postpartum period ~~as defined in federal law and rule~~
234 consisting of the 12-month period beginning on the last day of
235 her pregnancy, or a child under age 1, if either is living in a
236 family that has an income that ~~which~~ is at or ~~below 150 percent~~
237 ~~of the most current federal poverty level, or, effective January~~
238 ~~1, 1992, that has an income which is at or below 185 percent of~~
239 the most current federal poverty level. Such a person is not
240 subject to an assets test. Further, a pregnant woman who applies
241 for eligibility for the Medicaid program through a qualified
242 Medicaid provider must be offered the opportunity, subject to
243 federal rules, to be made presumptively eligible for the
244 Medicaid program.

245 Section 6. Subsection (12) of section 409.904, Florida
246 Statutes, is amended to read:

247 409.904 Optional payments for eligible persons.—The agency
248 may make payments for medical assistance and related services on
249 behalf of the following persons who are determined to be
250 eligible subject to the income, assets, and categorical

251 eligibility tests set forth in federal and state law. Payment on
252 behalf of these Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the
253 availability of moneys and any limitations established by the
254 General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.

255 (12) Effective July 1, 2021 ~~July 1, 2020~~, the agency shall
256 make payments for ~~to~~ Medicaid-covered services:

257 (a) For eligible children and pregnant women, retroactive
258 for a period of no more than 90 days before the month in which
259 an application for Medicaid is submitted.

260 (b) For eligible nonpregnant adults, retroactive to the
261 first day of the month in which an application for Medicaid is
262 submitted.

263 ~~This subsection expires July 1, 2021.~~

264 Section 7. Notwithstanding the expiration dates in
265 sections 13, 15, and 48 of chapter 2020-114, Laws of Florida,
266 paragraph (b) of subsection (2) and subsections (23) and (26) of
267 section 409.908, Florida Statutes, are reenacted to read:

268 409.908 Reimbursement of Medicaid providers.—Subject to
269 specific appropriations, the agency shall reimburse Medicaid
270 providers, in accordance with state and federal law, according
271 to methodologies set forth in the rules of the agency and in
272 policy manuals and handbooks incorporated by reference therein.
273 These methodologies may include fee schedules, reimbursement
274 methods based on cost reporting, negotiated fees, competitive
275 bidding pursuant to s. 287.057, and other mechanisms the agency

276 considers efficient and effective for purchasing services or
277 goods on behalf of recipients. If a provider is reimbursed based
278 on cost reporting and submits a cost report late and that cost
279 report would have been used to set a lower reimbursement rate
280 for a rate semester, then the provider's rate for that semester
281 shall be retroactively calculated using the new cost report, and
282 full payment at the recalculated rate shall be effected
283 retroactively. Medicare-granted extensions for filing cost
284 reports, if applicable, shall also apply to Medicaid cost
285 reports. Payment for Medicaid compensable services made on
286 behalf of Medicaid eligible persons is subject to the
287 availability of moneys and any limitations or directions
288 provided for in the General Appropriations Act or chapter 216.
289 Further, nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent
290 or limit the agency from adjusting fees, reimbursement rates,
291 lengths of stay, number of visits, or number of services, or
292 making any other adjustments necessary to comply with the
293 availability of moneys and any limitations or directions
294 provided for in the General Appropriations Act, provided the
295 adjustment is consistent with legislative intent.

296 (2)

297 (b) Subject to any limitations or directions in the
298 General Appropriations Act, the agency shall establish and
299 implement a state Title XIX Long-Term Care Reimbursement Plan
300 for nursing home care in order to provide care and services in

301 conformance with the applicable state and federal laws, rules,
302 regulations, and quality and safety standards and to ensure that
303 individuals eligible for medical assistance have reasonable
304 geographic access to such care.

305 1. The agency shall amend the long-term care reimbursement
306 plan and cost reporting system to create direct care and
307 indirect care subcomponents of the patient care component of the
308 per diem rate. These two subcomponents together shall equal the
309 patient care component of the per diem rate. Separate prices
310 shall be calculated for each patient care subcomponent,
311 initially based on the September 2016 rate setting cost reports
312 and subsequently based on the most recently audited cost report
313 used during a rebasing year. The direct care subcomponent of the
314 per diem rate for any providers still being reimbursed on a cost
315 basis shall be limited by the cost-based class ceiling, and the
316 indirect care subcomponent may be limited by the lower of the
317 cost-based class ceiling, the target rate class ceiling, or the
318 individual provider target. The ceilings and targets apply only
319 to providers being reimbursed on a cost-based system. Effective
320 October 1, 2018, a prospective payment methodology shall be
321 implemented for rate setting purposes with the following
322 parameters:

323 a. Peer Groups, including:

324 (I) North-SMMC Regions 1-9, less Palm Beach and Okeechobee
325 Counties; and

326 (II) South-SMMC Regions 10-11, plus Palm Beach and
 327 Okeechobee Counties.

328 b. Percentage of Median Costs based on the cost reports
 329 used for September 2016 rate setting:

330 (I) Direct Care Costs.....100 percent.
 331 (II) Indirect Care Costs.....92 percent.
 332 (III) Operating Costs.....86 percent.

333 c. Floors:

334 (I) Direct Care Component.....95 percent.
 335 (II) Indirect Care Component.....92.5 percent.
 336 (III) Operating Component.....None.

337 d. Pass-through Payments.....Real Estate and
 338 Personal Property
 339 Taxes and Property Insurance.

340 e. Quality Incentive Program Payment Pool....6.5 percent of
 341 September 2016 non-property related
 342 payments of included facilities.

343 f. Quality Score Threshold to Quality for Quality
 344 Incentive Payment....20th percentile of included facilities.

345 g. Fair Rental Value System Payment Parameters:

346 (I) Building Value per Square Foot based on 2018 RS Means.
 347 (II) Land Valuation.....10 percent of Gross Building value.
 348 (III) Facility Square Footage.....Actual Square Footage.
 349 (IV) Moveable Equipment Allowance.....\$8,000 per bed.
 350 (V) Obsolescence Factor.....1.5 percent.

- 351 (VI) Fair Rental Rate of Return.....8 percent.
- 352 (VII) Minimum Occupancy.....90 percent.
- 353 (VIII) Maximum Facility Age.....40 years.
- 354 (IX) Minimum Square Footage per Bed.....350.
- 355 (X) Maximum Square Footage for Bed.....500.
- 356 (XI) Minimum Cost of a renovation/replacements.....\$500 per
- 357 bed.

358 h. Ventilator Supplemental payment of \$200 per Medicaid
 359 day of 40,000 ventilator Medicaid days per fiscal year.

360 2. The direct care subcomponent shall include salaries and
 361 benefits of direct care staff providing nursing services
 362 including registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and
 363 certified nursing assistants who deliver care directly to
 364 residents in the nursing home facility, allowable therapy costs,
 365 and dietary costs. This excludes nursing administration, staff
 366 development, the staffing coordinator, and the administrative
 367 portion of the minimum data set and care plan coordinators. The
 368 direct care subcomponent also includes medically necessary
 369 dental care, vision care, hearing care, and podiatric care.

370 3. All other patient care costs shall be included in the
 371 indirect care cost subcomponent of the patient care per diem
 372 rate, including complex medical equipment, medical supplies, and
 373 other allowable ancillary costs. Costs may not be allocated
 374 directly or indirectly to the direct care subcomponent from a
 375 home office or management company.

376 4. On July 1 of each year, the agency shall report to the
377 Legislature direct and indirect care costs, including average
378 direct and indirect care costs per resident per facility and
379 direct care and indirect care salaries and benefits per category
380 of staff member per facility.

381 5. Every fourth year, the agency shall rebase nursing home
382 prospective payment rates to reflect changes in cost based on
383 the most recently audited cost report for each participating
384 provider.

385 6. A direct care supplemental payment may be made to
386 providers whose direct care hours per patient day are above the
387 80th percentile and who provide Medicaid services to a larger
388 percentage of Medicaid patients than the state average.

389 7. For the period beginning July 1, 2020, the agency shall
390 establish a unit cost increase as an equal percentage for each
391 nursing home.

392 8. For the period beginning on October 1, 2018, and ending
393 on September 30, 2021, the agency shall reimburse providers the
394 greater of their September 2016 cost-based rate plus the July 1,
395 2020, unit cost increase or their prospective payment rate plus
396 the July 1, 2020, unit cost increase. Effective October 1, 2021,
397 the agency shall reimburse providers the greater of 95 percent
398 of their cost-based rate plus the July 1, 2020, unit cost
399 increase or their rebased prospective payment rate plus the July
400 1, 2020, unit cost increase, using the most recently audited

401 cost report for each facility. This subparagraph shall expire
402 September 30, 2023.

403 9. Pediatric, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, and
404 government-owned facilities are exempt from the pricing model
405 established in this subsection and shall remain on a cost-based
406 prospective payment system. Effective October 1, 2018, the
407 agency shall set rates for all facilities remaining on a cost-
408 based prospective payment system using each facility's most
409 recently audited cost report, eliminating retroactive
410 settlements.

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412 It is the intent of the Legislature that the reimbursement plan
413 achieve the goal of providing access to health care for nursing
414 home residents who require large amounts of care while
415 encouraging diversion services as an alternative to nursing home
416 care for residents who can be served within the community. The
417 agency shall base the establishment of any maximum rate of
418 payment, whether overall or component, on the available moneys
419 as provided for in the General Appropriations Act. The agency
420 may base the maximum rate of payment on the results of
421 scientifically valid analysis and conclusions derived from
422 objective statistical data pertinent to the particular maximum
423 rate of payment.

424 (23) (a) The agency shall establish rates at a level that
425 ensures no increase in statewide expenditures resulting from a

426 change in unit costs for county health departments effective
427 July 1, 2011. Reimbursement rates shall be as provided in the
428 General Appropriations Act.

429 (b)1. Base rate reimbursement for inpatient services under
430 a diagnosis-related group payment methodology shall be provided
431 in the General Appropriations Act.

432 2. Base rate reimbursement for outpatient services under
433 an enhanced ambulatory payment group methodology shall be
434 provided in the General Appropriations Act.

435 3. Prospective payment system reimbursement for nursing
436 home services shall be as provided in subsection (2) and in the
437 General Appropriations Act.

438 (26) The agency may receive funds from state entities,
439 including, but not limited to, the Department of Health, local
440 governments, and other local political subdivisions, for the
441 purpose of making special exception payments and Low Income Pool
442 Program payments, including federal matching funds. Funds
443 received for this purpose shall be separately accounted for and
444 may not be commingled with other state or local funds in any
445 manner. The agency may certify all local governmental funds used
446 as state match under Title XIX of the Social Security Act to the
447 extent and in the manner authorized under the General
448 Appropriations Act and pursuant to an agreement between the
449 agency and the local governmental entity. In order for the
450 agency to certify such local governmental funds, a local

451 governmental entity must submit a final, executed letter of
452 agreement to the agency, which must be received by October 1 of
453 each fiscal year and provide the total amount of local
454 governmental funds authorized by the entity for that fiscal year
455 under the General Appropriations Act. The local governmental
456 entity shall use a certification form prescribed by the agency.
457 At a minimum, the certification form must identify the amount
458 being certified and describe the relationship between the
459 certifying local governmental entity and the local health care
460 provider. Local governmental funds outlined in the letters of
461 agreement must be received by the agency no later than October
462 31 of each fiscal year in which such funds are pledged, unless
463 an alternative plan is specifically approved by the agency. To
464 be eligible for low-income pool funding or other forms of
465 supplemental payments funded by intergovernmental transfers, and
466 in addition to any other applicable requirements, essential
467 providers under s. 409.975(1)(a)2. must offer to contract with
468 each managed care plan in their region and essential providers
469 under s. 409.975(1)(b)1. and 3. must offer to contract with each
470 managed care plan in the state. Before releasing such
471 supplemental payments, in the event the parties have not
472 executed network contracts, the agency shall evaluate the
473 parties' efforts to complete negotiations. If such efforts
474 continue to fail, the agency shall withhold such supplemental
475 payments beginning in the third quarter of the fiscal year if it

476 determines that, based upon the totality of the circumstances,
477 the essential provider has negotiated with the managed care plan
478 in bad faith. If the agency determines that an essential
479 provider has negotiated in bad faith, it must notify the
480 essential provider at least 90 days in advance of the start of
481 the third quarter of the fiscal year and afford the essential
482 provider hearing rights in accordance with chapter 120.

483 Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section
484 409.975, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

485 409.975 Managed care plan accountability.—In addition to
486 the requirements of s. 409.967, plans and providers
487 participating in the managed medical assistance program shall
488 comply with the requirements of this section.

489 (1) PROVIDER NETWORKS.—Managed care plans must develop and
490 maintain provider networks that meet the medical needs of their
491 enrollees in accordance with standards established pursuant to
492 s. 409.967(2)(c). Except as provided in this section, managed
493 care plans may limit the providers in their networks based on
494 credentials, quality indicators, and price.

495 (a) Plans must include all providers in the region that
496 are classified by the agency as essential Medicaid providers,
497 unless the agency approves, in writing, an alternative
498 arrangement for securing the types of services offered by the
499 essential providers. Providers are essential for serving
500 Medicaid enrollees if they offer services that are not available

501 from any other provider within a reasonable access standard, or
502 if they provided a substantial share of the total units of a
503 particular service used by Medicaid patients within the region
504 during the last 3 years and the combined capacity of other
505 service providers in the region is insufficient to meet the
506 total needs of the Medicaid patients. The agency may not
507 classify physicians and other practitioners as essential
508 providers. The agency, at a minimum, shall determine which
509 providers in the following categories are essential Medicaid
510 providers:

- 511 1. Federally qualified health centers.
- 512 2. Statutory teaching hospitals as defined in s.
513 408.07(46) ~~s. 408.07(44)~~.
- 514 3. Hospitals that are trauma centers as defined in s.
515 395.4001(15).
- 516 4. Hospitals located at least 25 miles from any other
517 hospital with similar services.

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519 Managed care plans that have not contracted with all essential
520 providers in the region as of the first date of recipient
521 enrollment, or with whom an essential provider has terminated
522 its contract, must negotiate in good faith with such essential
523 providers for 1 year or until an agreement is reached, whichever
524 is first. Payments for services rendered by a nonparticipating
525 essential provider shall be made at the applicable Medicaid rate

526 as of the first day of the contract between the agency and the
 527 plan. A rate schedule for all essential providers shall be
 528 attached to the contract between the agency and the plan. After
 529 1 year, managed care plans that are unable to contract with
 530 essential providers shall notify the agency and propose an
 531 alternative arrangement for securing the essential services for
 532 Medicaid enrollees. The arrangement must rely on contracts with
 533 other participating providers, regardless of whether those
 534 providers are located within the same region as the
 535 nonparticipating essential service provider. If the alternative
 536 arrangement is approved by the agency, payments to
 537 nonparticipating essential providers after the date of the
 538 agency's approval shall equal 90 percent of the applicable
 539 Medicaid rate. Except for payment for emergency services, if the
 540 alternative arrangement is not approved by the agency, payment
 541 to nonparticipating essential providers shall equal 110 percent
 542 of the applicable Medicaid rate.

543 Section 9. Notwithstanding the expiration date in section
 544 19 of chapter 2020-114, Laws of Florida, paragraph (b) of
 545 subsection (5) of section 624.91, Florida Statutes, is reenacted
 546 to read:

547 624.91 The Florida Healthy Kids Corporation Act.—

548 (5) CORPORATION AUTHORIZATION, DUTIES, POWERS.—

549 (b) The Florida Healthy Kids Corporation shall:

550 1. Arrange for the collection of any family, local

551 contributions, or employer payment or premium, in an amount to
552 be determined by the board of directors, to provide for payment
553 of premiums for comprehensive insurance coverage and for the
554 actual or estimated administrative expenses.

555 2. Arrange for the collection of any voluntary
556 contributions to provide for payment of Florida Kidcare program
557 premiums for children who are not eligible for medical
558 assistance under Title XIX or Title XXI of the Social Security
559 Act.

560 3. Subject to the provisions of s. 409.8134, accept
561 voluntary supplemental local match contributions that comply
562 with the requirements of Title XXI of the Social Security Act
563 for the purpose of providing additional Florida Kidcare coverage
564 in contributing counties under Title XXI.

565 4. Establish the administrative and accounting procedures
566 for the operation of the corporation.

567 5. Establish, with consultation from appropriate
568 professional organizations, standards for preventive health
569 services and providers and comprehensive insurance benefits
570 appropriate to children, provided that such standards for rural
571 areas shall not limit primary care providers to board-certified
572 pediatricians.

573 6. Determine eligibility for children seeking to
574 participate in the Title XXI-funded components of the Florida
575 Kidcare program consistent with the requirements specified in s.

576 409.814, as well as the non-Title-XXI-eligible children as
577 provided in subsection (3).

578 7. Establish procedures under which providers of local
579 match to, applicants to and participants in the program may have
580 grievances reviewed by an impartial body and reported to the
581 board of directors of the corporation.

582 8. Establish participation criteria and, if appropriate,
583 contract with an authorized insurer, health maintenance
584 organization, or third-party administrator to provide
585 administrative services to the corporation.

586 9. Establish enrollment criteria that include penalties or
587 waiting periods of 30 days for reinstatement of coverage upon
588 voluntary cancellation for nonpayment of family premiums.

589 10. Contract with authorized insurers or any provider of
590 health care services, meeting standards established by the
591 corporation, for the provision of comprehensive insurance
592 coverage to participants. Such standards shall include criteria
593 under which the corporation may contract with more than one
594 provider of health care services in program sites. Health plans
595 shall be selected through a competitive bid process. The Florida
596 Healthy Kids Corporation shall purchase goods and services in
597 the most cost-effective manner consistent with the delivery of
598 quality medical care. The maximum administrative cost for a
599 Florida Healthy Kids Corporation contract shall be 15 percent.
600 For health care contracts, the minimum medical loss ratio for a

601 Florida Healthy Kids Corporation contract shall be 85 percent.
602 For dental contracts, the remaining compensation to be paid to
603 the authorized insurer or provider under a Florida Healthy Kids
604 Corporation contract shall be no less than an amount which is 85
605 percent of premium; to the extent any contract provision does
606 not provide for this minimum compensation, this section shall
607 prevail. For an insurer or any provider of health care services
608 which achieves an annual medical loss ratio below 85 percent,
609 the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation shall validate the medical
610 loss ratio and calculate an amount to be refunded by the insurer
611 or any provider of health care services to the state which shall
612 be deposited into the General Revenue Fund unallocated. The
613 health plan selection criteria and scoring system, and the
614 scoring results, shall be available upon request for inspection
615 after the bids have been awarded.

616 11. Establish disenrollment criteria in the event local
617 matching funds are insufficient to cover enrollments.

618 12. Develop and implement a plan to publicize the Florida
619 Kidcare program, the eligibility requirements of the program,
620 and the procedures for enrollment in the program and to maintain
621 public awareness of the corporation and the program.

622 13. Secure staff necessary to properly administer the
623 corporation. Staff costs shall be funded from state and local
624 matching funds and such other private or public funds as become
625 available. The board of directors shall determine the number of

626 staff members necessary to administer the corporation.

627 14. In consultation with the partner agencies, provide a
 628 report on the Florida Kidcare program annually to the Governor,
 629 the Chief Financial Officer, the Commissioner of Education, the
 630 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
 631 Representatives, and the Minority Leaders of the Senate and the
 632 House of Representatives.

633 15. Provide information on a quarterly basis to the
 634 Legislature and the Governor which compares the costs and
 635 utilization of the full-pay enrolled population and the Title
 636 XXI-subsidized enrolled population in the Florida Kidcare
 637 program. The information, at a minimum, must include:

638 a. The monthly enrollment and expenditure for full-pay
 639 enrollees in the Medikids and Florida Healthy Kids programs
 640 compared to the Title XXI-subsidized enrolled population; and

641 b. The costs and utilization by service of the full-pay
 642 enrollees in the Medikids and Florida Healthy Kids programs and
 643 the Title XXI-subsidized enrolled population.

644 16. Establish benefit packages that conform to the provisions of
 645 the Florida Kidcare program, as created in ss. 409.810-409.821.

646 Section 10. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section
 647 1011.52, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

648 1011.52 Appropriation to first accredited medical school.—

649 (2) In order for a medical school to qualify under this
 650 section and to be entitled to the benefits herein, such medical

651 school:

652 (e) Must have in place an operating agreement with a
653 government-owned hospital that is located in the same county as
654 the medical school and that is a statutory teaching hospital as
655 defined in s. 408.07(46) ~~s. 408.07(44)~~. The operating agreement
656 must provide for the medical school to maintain the same level
657 of affiliation with the hospital, including the level of
658 services to indigent and charity care patients served by the
659 hospital, which was in place in the prior fiscal year. Each
660 year, documentation demonstrating that an operating agreement is
661 in effect shall be submitted jointly to the Department of
662 Education by the hospital and the medical school prior to the
663 payment of moneys from the annual appropriation.

664 Section 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 2021.