

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to subsidy payments for the home care  
 3           for the elderly program; amending s. 430.605, F.S.;  
 4           requiring that subsidy payments made by the Department  
 5           of Elder Affairs for the home care for the elderly  
 6           program cease for certain persons upon such persons'  
 7           enrollment in the Medicaid long-term care managed care  
 8           program; providing applicability; providing a  
 9           grandfather clause; amending s. 430.606, F.S.;  
 10          conforming provisions to changes made by the act;  
 11          providing an effective date.

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

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 15           **Section 1. Section 430.605, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
 16 **to read:**

17           430.605 Subsidy payments.—

18           (1) The department shall develop a schedule of subsidy  
 19 payments to be made to persons providing home care, and to  
 20 providers of goods and services, for certain eligible elderly  
 21 persons. Payments must be based on the financial status of the  
 22 person receiving care. Payments must include, but need not be  
 23 limited to:

24           (a)~~(1)~~ A support and maintenance element, including costs  
 25 of housing, food, clothing, and incidentals.

26 (b) (2) Payments for medical, pharmaceutical, and dental  
27 services essential to maintain the health of the elderly person  
28 and not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or any form of insurance.

29 (c) (3) When necessary, special supplements to provide for  
30 any goods and services and specialized care required to maintain  
31 the health and well-being of the elderly person. Extraordinary  
32 medical, dental, or pharmaceutical expenses may be paid as a  
33 special supplement.

34 (2) (a) Subsidy payments made by the department under  
35 subsection (1) for an eligible elderly person must cease as soon  
36 as the eligible elderly person enrolls in the Medicaid long-term  
37 care managed care program under s. 409.979.

38 (b) Paragraph (a):

39 1. Applies to subsidy payments made for an eligible  
40 elderly person who is released from the wait list for the  
41 Medicaid long-term care managed care program for enrollment in  
42 such program under s. 409.979 on or after July 2, 2025.

43 2. Does not affect in any way subsidy payments made for an  
44 eligible elderly person who, as of July 1, 2025:

45 a. Receives services under the home care for the elderly  
46 program; and

47 b. Is enrolled in the Medicaid long-term care managed care  
48 program under s. 409.979.

49 **Section 2. Section 430.606, Florida Statutes, is amended**  
50 **to read:**

51           430.606 Eligibility for services.—The criteria for  
52 determining eligibility for this program shall be substantially  
53 similar to the criteria used to determine eligibility for  
54 nursing home care under the Medicaid program. Subsidy payments  
55 made by the department to a person providing home care, and to a  
56 provider of goods and services, for an eligible elderly person  
57 must comply with the requirements of s. 430.605.

58           **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.