

1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to presumptive Medicaid eligibility  
3       for pregnant women; amending s. 409.903, F.S.;  
4       authorizing certain entities meeting specified  
5       criteria to serve as qualified Medicaid providers for  
6       purposes of making presumptive Medicaid eligibility  
7       determinations for pregnant women; requiring the  
8       Department of Children and Families to ensure that  
9       such providers are adequately trained and monitored  
10      for compliance when serving in such roles; requiring  
11      the Agency for Health Care Administration to provide  
12      Medicaid coverage to pregnant women deemed  
13      presumptively eligible for the duration of a specified  
14      time period; providing that pregnant women deemed  
15      presumptively eligible are entitled to coverage of all  
16      medically necessary services under the Medicaid  
17      program during such eligibility period; requiring that  
18      all prior authorizations granted before or during such  
19      period remain in effect for the duration of such  
20      period; requiring the agency, within a specified  
21      timeframe, to seek federal approval to extend the  
22      allowable period of presumptive Medicaid eligibility  
23      coverage for pregnant women; requiring the agency and  
24      the department to initiate certain rulemaking within a  
25      specified timeframe; providing an effective date.

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

**Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 409.903, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

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

(5) A pregnant woman for the duration of her pregnancy and for the postpartum period consisting of the 12-month period beginning on the last day of her pregnancy, or a child under age 1, if either is living in a family that has an income that is at or below 185 percent of the most current federal poverty level. Such a person is not subject to an assets test. Further, a pregnant woman who applies for eligibility for the Medicaid program through a qualified Medicaid provider must be offered the opportunity, subject to federal rules, to be made presumptively eligible for the Medicaid program.

51        (a) Qualified Medicaid providers that may conduct  
52 presumptive eligibility determinations for Medicaid for pregnant  
53 women include, but are not limited to, hospitals participating  
54 in the Medicaid program; federally qualified health centers;  
55 birth centers; nonprofit maternal and child health  
56 organizations, such as healthy start coalitions; clinics  
57 operating under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for  
58 Women, Infants, and Children; and local housing authorities,  
59 provided such entities have met the applicable training and  
60 certification standards established by the department for such  
61 purpose. The department shall ensure such providers are  
62 adequately trained and monitored for compliance with federal and  
63 state requirements relating to presumptive eligibility  
64 determinations.

65        (b) For pregnant women deemed presumptively eligible under  
66 this subsection, the agency shall provide such coverage under  
67 the Medicaid program for the maximum period allowable under  
68 federal law or until a full Medicaid eligibility determination  
69 is made, whichever occurs earlier.

70        (c) Pregnant women deemed presumptively eligible under  
71 this subsection are entitled to coverage of all medically  
72 necessary services under the Medicaid program, including, but  
73 not limited to, services provided by specialists and  
74 subspecialists needed to comanage high-risk pregnancies,  
75 including for issues outside the scope of general obstetrics.

76 All prior authorization approvals granted before or during the  
77 presumptive eligibility period remain valid for the duration of  
78 such period to ensure continuity of care and to reduce the risk  
79 of adverse maternal or infant health outcomes.

80       **Section 2.** Within 60 days after this act becomes a law,  
81 the Agency for Health Care Administration shall seek federal  
82 approval to extend the allowable period of presumptive Medicaid  
83 eligibility for pregnant women to 180 days under s. 409.903,  
84 Florida Statutes, and the agency and the Department of Children  
85 and Families, as applicable, shall initiate any necessary  
86 rulemaking to implement the amendments made by this act to s.  
87 409.903, Florida Statutes.

88       **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.