

1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to health care; providing a directive  
3 to the Division of Law Revision and Information;  
4 amending s. 409.811, F.S.; revising and providing  
5 definitions; transferring, renumbering, and amending  
6 s. 624.91, F.S.; revising the Florida Healthy Kids  
7 Corporation Act to include the Healthy Florida  
8 program; revising participation guidelines for  
9 nonsubsidized enrollees in the Healthy Kids program;  
10 revising the medical loss ratio requirements for  
11 contracts for the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation;  
12 modifying the membership of the corporation's board of  
13 directors; creating an executive steering committee;  
14 requiring additional corporate compliance  
15 requirements; amending s. 409.813, F.S.; revising the  
16 components of Florida Kidcare; prohibiting a cause of  
17 action from arising against the Florida Healthy Kids  
18 Corporation for failure to make health services  
19 available; amending s. 409.8132, F.S.; revising the  
20 eligibility of the Medikids program component;  
21 revising the enrollment requirements for Medikids;  
22 amending s. 409.8134, F.S., relating to Florida  
23 Kidcare; conforming provisions to changes made by the  
24 act; amending s. 409.814, F.S.; revising eligibility  
25 requirements for Florida Kidcare; amending s. 409.815,  
26 F.S.; revising certain minimum health benefits

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27 coverage under Florida Kidcare; deleting obsolete  
28 provisions; amending s. 409.816, F.S.; conforming  
29 provisions to changes made by the act; repealing s.  
30 409.817, F.S., relating to the approval of health  
31 benefits coverage and financial assistance under the  
32 Kidcare program; repealing s. 409.8175, F.S., relating  
33 to the delivery of services in rural counties;  
34 amending s. 409.8177, F.S.; conforming provisions to  
35 changes made by the act; amending s. 409.818, F.S.;  
36 revising the duties of the Department of Children and  
37 Families and the Agency for Health Care Administration  
38 with regard to the Kidcare program; deleting the  
39 duties of the Department of Health and the Office of  
40 Insurance Regulation with regard to the Kidcare  
41 program; amending s. 409.820, F.S.; requiring the  
42 Department of Health, in consultation with the agency  
43 and the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, to develop a  
44 minimum set of pediatric and adolescent quality  
45 assurance and access standards for all program  
46 components; creating s. 409.822, F.S.; creating the  
47 Healthy Florida program; providing eligibility and  
48 enrollment requirements; authorizing the corporation  
49 to contract with certain insurers, managed care  
50 organizations, and provider service networks;  
51 encouraging the corporation to contract with insurers  
52 and managed care organizations that participate in

53 more than one affordable insurance program under  
54 certain circumstances; requiring the corporation to  
55 establish a benefits package and a process for payment  
56 of services; authorizing the corporation to collect  
57 premiums and copayments; requiring the corporation to  
58 oversee the Healthy Florida program and to establish a  
59 grievance process and integrity process; providing for  
60 the applicability of certain state laws for  
61 administering the program; requiring the corporation  
62 to collect certain data and to submit enrollment  
63 reports and interim independent evaluations to the  
64 Legislature; providing for expiration of the program;  
65 authorizing the corporation to comply with federal  
66 requirements upon giving notice to the Legislature;  
67 amending ss. 154.503, 408.910, and 408.915, F.S.;  
68 conforming cross-references; repealing s. 624.915,  
69 F.S., relating to the operating fund of the Florida  
70 Healthy Kids Corporation; amending ss. 627.6474,  
71 636.035, and 641.315, F.S.; prohibiting a contract  
72 between a health insurer, a prepaid health service  
73 organization, or a health maintenance organization and  
74 a dentist from requiring the dentist to provide  
75 services at a set fee under certain circumstances or  
76 to participate in a discount medical plan; amending s.  
77 766.1115, F.S.; revising a definition; requiring a  
78 contract with a governmental contractor for health

79 care services to include a provision that a health  
 80 care provider licensed under ch. 466, F.S., as an  
 81 agent of the governmental contractor, may allow a  
 82 patient or a parent or guardian of the patient to  
 83 voluntarily contribute a fee to cover costs of dental  
 84 laboratory work related to the services provided to  
 85 the patient without forfeiting the provider's  
 86 sovereign immunity; prohibiting the contribution from  
 87 exceeding the actual amount of the dental laboratory  
 88 charges; providing that the contribution complies with  
 89 the requirements of s. 766.1115, F.S.; providing  
 90 applicability; providing appropriations; providing an  
 91 effective date.

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

94  
 95 Section 1. The Division of Law Revision and Information is  
 96 directed to rename part II of chapter 409, Florida Statutes, as  
 97 the "Florida Kidcare and Healthy Florida Programs."

98 Section 2. Section 409.811, Florida Statutes, is reordered  
 99 and amended to read:

100 409.811 Definitions ~~relating to Florida Kidcare Act.~~—As  
 101 used in this part ~~ss. 409.810-409.821~~, the term:

- 102 (1) "Actuarially equivalent" means that:  
 103 (a) The aggregate value of the benefits included in health  
 104 benefits coverage is equal to the value of the benefits in the

105 benchmark benefit plan; and

106 (b) The benefits included in health benefits coverage are  
 107 substantially similar to the benefits included in the child  
 108 benchmark benefit plan, except that preventive health services  
 109 must be the same as in the benchmark benefit plan.

110 (2) "Agency" means the Agency for Health Care  
 111 Administration.

112 (3) "Applicant" means:

113 (a) A parent or guardian of a child or a child whose  
 114 disability of nonage has been removed under chapter 743~~7~~ who  
 115 applies for a determination of eligibility ~~for health benefits~~  
 116 ~~coverage~~ under Florida Kidcare; or

117 (b) An individual who applies for a determination of  
 118 eligibility under Healthy Florida ss. 409.810-409.821.

119 (5)~~(4)~~ "Child benchmark benefit plan" means the form and  
 120 level of health benefits coverage established under ~~in~~ s.  
 121 409.815.

122 (4)~~(5)~~ "Child" means a ~~any~~ person younger than ~~under~~ 19  
 123 years of age.

124 (6) "Child with special health care needs" means a child  
 125 whose serious or chronic physical or developmental condition  
 126 requires extensive preventive and maintenance care beyond that  
 127 required by typically healthy children. Health care utilization  
 128 by such a child exceeds the statistically expected usage of the  
 129 normal child adjusted for chronological age, and such ~~a~~ child  
 130 often needs complex care requiring multiple providers,

131 rehabilitation services, and specialized equipment in a number  
132 of different settings.

133 (7) "Children's Medical Services Network" or "network" has  
134 the same meaning ~~means a statewide managed care service system~~  
135 ~~as defined in s. 391.021(1)~~.

136 (8) "CHIP" means the Children's Health Insurance Program  
137 as authorized under Title XXI of the Social Security Act,  
138 regulations adopted thereunder, and this part, and as  
139 administered in this state by the agency, the department, and  
140 the corporation pursuant to their respective jurisdictions.

141 ~~(8) "Community rate" means a method used to develop~~  
142 ~~premiums for a health insurance plan that spreads financial risk~~  
143 ~~across a large population and allows adjustments only for age,~~  
144 ~~gender, family composition, and geographic area.~~

145 (9) "Corporation" means the Florida Healthy Kids  
146 Corporation established under s. 409.8125.

147 ~~(10)~~ (9) "Department" means the Department of Health.

148 ~~(11)~~ (10) "Enrollee" means a child or adult who has been  
149 determined eligible for and is receiving coverage under this  
150 part ~~ss. 409.810-409.821.~~

151 ~~(11) "Family" means the group or the individuals whose~~  
152 ~~income is considered in determining eligibility for the Florida~~  
153 ~~Kidcare program. The family includes a child with a parent or~~  
154 ~~caretaker relative who resides in the same house or living unit~~  
155 ~~or, in the case of a child whose disability of nonage has been~~  
156 ~~removed under chapter 743, the child. The family may also~~

157 ~~include other individuals whose income and resources are~~  
158 ~~considered in whole or in part in determining eligibility of the~~  
159 ~~child.~~

160 ~~(12) "Family income" means cash received at periodic~~  
161 ~~intervals from any source, such as wages, benefits,~~  
162 ~~contributions, or rental property. Income also may include any~~  
163 ~~money that would have been counted as income under the Aid to~~  
164 ~~Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) state plan in effect~~  
165 ~~prior to August 22, 1996.~~

166 ~~(12)(13) "Florida Kidcare Program," "Kidcare program," or~~  
167 ~~"program" means the health benefits program described in s.~~  
168 ~~409.813 and administered under this part through ss. 409.810-~~  
169 ~~409.821.~~

170 ~~(13)(14) "Guarantee issue" means that health benefits~~  
171 ~~coverage must be offered to an individual regardless of the~~  
172 ~~individual's health status, preexisting condition, or claims~~  
173 ~~history.~~

174 ~~(14)(15) "Health benefits coverage" means protection that~~  
175 ~~provides payment of benefits for covered health care services or~~  
176 ~~that otherwise provides, ~~either~~ directly or through arrangements~~  
177 ~~with other persons, covered health care services on a prepaid~~  
178 ~~per capita basis or on a prepaid aggregate fixed-sum basis.~~

179 ~~(15)(16) "Health insurance plan" means health benefits~~  
180 ~~coverage under the following:~~

181 (a) A health plan offered by a ~~any~~ certified health  
182 maintenance organization or authorized health insurer, except

183 for a plan that is limited to the following: a limited benefit,  
 184 specified disease, or specified accident; hospital indemnity;  
 185 accident only; limited benefit convalescent care; Medicare  
 186 supplement; credit disability; dental; vision; long-term care;  
 187 disability income; coverage issued as a supplement to another  
 188 health plan; workers' compensation liability or other insurance;  
 189 or motor vehicle medical payment only; or

190 (b) An employee welfare benefit plan that includes health  
 191 benefits established under the Employee Retirement Income  
 192 Security Act of 1974, as amended.

193 (16) "Healthy Florida" means the program established under  
 194 s. 409.822.

195 (17) "Healthy Kids" means a component of Florida Kidcare  
 196 created under s. 409.8125 for children who are 5 through 18  
 197 years of age.

198 (18) "Household income" has the same meaning as in s.  
 199 36B(d) (2) (A) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and applies to  
 200 the individual or household whose income is being considered in  
 201 determining eligibility for Florida Kidcare or Healthy Florida.

202 (19)~~(17)~~ "Medicaid" means the medical assistance program  
 203 authorized by Title XIX of the Social Security Act, and  
 204 regulations thereunder, ~~and ss. 409.901-409.920,~~ as administered  
 205 in this state by the agency.

206 (20)~~(18)~~ "Medically necessary" means the use of any  
 207 medical treatment, service, equipment, or supply necessary to  
 208 palliate the effects of a terminal condition, or to prevent,



209 diagnose, correct, cure, alleviate, or preclude deterioration of  
 210 a condition that threatens life, causes pain or suffering, or  
 211 results in illness or infirmity and which is:

212 (a) Consistent with the symptom, diagnosis, and treatment  
 213 of the enrollee's condition;

214 (b) Provided in accordance with generally accepted  
 215 standards of medical practice;

216 (c) Not primarily intended for the convenience of the  
 217 enrollee, the enrollee's family, or the health care provider;

218 (d) The most appropriate level of supply or service for  
 219 the diagnosis and treatment of the enrollee's condition; and

220 (e) Approved by the appropriate medical body or health  
 221 care specialty involved as effective, appropriate, and essential  
 222 for the care and treatment of the enrollee's condition.

223 ~~(21)-(19)~~ "Medikids" means a component of the Florida  
 224 Kidcare program of medical assistance authorized by Title XXI of  
 225 the Social Security Act, and regulations thereunder, and s.  
 226 409.8132, as administered in the state by the agency.

227 (22) "Modified adjusted gross income" has the same meaning  
 228 as in s. 36B(d)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and  
 229 applies to the individual or household whose income is being  
 230 considered in determining eligibility for Florida Kidcare or  
 231 Healthy Florida.

232 (23) "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" means  
 233 the federal law enacted as Pub. L. No. 111-148, as amended by  
 234 the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub.

235 L. No. 111-152, and any regulations or guidance adopted or  
236 issued pursuant to those acts.

237 (24)-(20) "Preexisting condition exclusion" means, with  
238 respect to coverage, a limitation or exclusion of benefits  
239 relating to a condition based on the fact that the condition was  
240 present before the date of enrollment for such coverage,  
241 regardless of whether ~~or not~~ any medical advice, diagnosis,  
242 care, or treatment was recommended or received before such date.

243 (25)-(21) "Premium" means the entire cost of a health  
244 insurance plan, including the administration fee or the risk  
245 assumption charge.

246 (26)-(22) "Premium assistance payment" means the monthly  
247 consideration paid toward health insurance premiums by the  
248 agency per enrollee in ~~the Florida Kidcare Program towards~~  
249 ~~health insurance premiums.~~

250 (27)-(23) "Qualified alien" means an alien as defined in 8  
251 U.S.C. s. 1641 (b) and (c) ~~s. 431 of the Personal Responsibility~~  
252 ~~and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, as amended,~~  
253 ~~Pub. L. No. 104-193.~~

254 (28)-(24) "Resident" means a United States citizen, or  
255 qualified alien, who is domiciled in this state.

256 (29)-(25) "Rural county" means a county having a population  
257 density of less than 100 persons per square mile, or a county  
258 defined by the most recent United States Census as rural, in  
259 which there was ~~is~~ no prepaid health plan participating in the  
260 Medicaid program as of July 1, 1998.

261 ~~(26) "Substantially similar" means that, with respect to~~  
 262 ~~additional services as defined in s. 2103(c)(2) of Title XXI of~~  
 263 ~~the Social Security Act, these services must have an actuarial~~  
 264 ~~value equal to at least 75 percent of the actuarial value of the~~  
 265 ~~coverage for that service in the benchmark benefit plan and,~~  
 266 ~~with respect to the basic services as defined in s. 2103(c)(1)~~  
 267 ~~of Title XXI of the Social Security Act, these services must be~~  
 268 ~~the same as the services in the benchmark benefit plan.~~

269 Section 3. Section 624.91, Florida Statutes, is  
 270 transferred and renumbered as section 409.8125, Florida  
 271 Statutes, and is reordered and amended to read:

272 409.8125 ~~624.91~~ The Florida Healthy Kids Corporation Act.—

273 (1) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "William  
 274 G. 'Doc' Myers Healthy Kids Corporation Act."

275 (2) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.—

276 ~~(a)~~ The Legislature finds that increased access to health  
 277 care services could improve children's health and reduce the  
 278 incidence and costs of childhood illness and disabilities among  
 279 children in this state. Many children do not have comprehensive,  
 280 affordable health care services available. It is the intent of  
 281 the Legislature that the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation  
 282 provide comprehensive health insurance coverage to such  
 283 children. The corporation is encouraged to cooperate with ~~any~~  
 284 existing health service programs funded by the public or the  
 285 private sector.

286 ~~(b)~~ It is also the intent of the Legislature:

287        (a) That the Florida Healthy Kids program, established and  
288 administered by the corporation, serve as one of several  
289 providers of services to children eligible for medical  
290 assistance under the federal Children's Health Insurance Program  
291 (CHIP) Title XXI of the Social Security Act. Although Healthy  
292 Kids ~~the corporation~~ may serve other children, the Legislature  
293 intends that the primary enrollees ~~recipients~~ of services  
294 provided through the corporation be uninsured school-age  
295 children eligible for CHIP ~~with a family income below 200~~  
296 ~~percent of the federal poverty level, who do not qualify for~~  
297 ~~Medicaid.~~ It is also the intent of the Legislature that state  
298 and local government ~~Florida Healthy Kids~~ funds be used to  
299 continue coverage, subject to specific appropriations in the  
300 General Appropriations Act, to children not eligible for federal  
301 matching funds under CHIP Title XXI.

302        (b) That the corporation administer and manage services  
303 for Healthy Florida, a health care program for uninsured adults,  
304 using a unique network of providers and contracts. Enrollees in  
305 Healthy Florida shall receive comprehensive health care services  
306 from private, licensed health insurers that meet standards  
307 established by the corporation. It is further the intent of the  
308 Legislature that these enrollees participate in their own health  
309 care decisionmaking and contribute financially toward their  
310 medical costs. The Legislature intends to provide an alternative  
311 benefit package that includes a full range of services that meet  
312 the needs of the residents of this state. As a new program, the

313 Legislature intends that a comprehensive analysis be conducted  
 314 to measure the overall impact of the program and evaluate  
 315 whether the program should be renewed after an initial 3-year  
 316 term.

317 (6)-(3) ELIGIBILITY FOR STATE-FUNDED ASSISTANCE.—Only the  
 318 following individuals are eligible for state-funded assistance  
 319 in paying ~~Florida~~ Healthy Kids or Healthy Florida premiums:

320 (a) Residents of this state who are eligible for ~~the~~  
 321 Florida Kidcare program pursuant to s. 409.814 or Healthy  
 322 Florida pursuant to s. 409.822.

323 (b) Notwithstanding s. 409.814, legal aliens who are  
 324 enrolled in ~~the Florida~~ Healthy Kids program as of January 31,  
 325 2004, who do not qualify for CHIP Title XXI federal funds  
 326 because they are not qualified aliens ~~as defined in s. 409.811.~~

327 (7)-(4) NONENTITLEMENT.—~~Nothing in This section does not~~  
 328 provide shall be construed as providing an individual ~~with an~~  
 329 entitlement to health care services. No cause of action shall  
 330 arise against the state, the ~~Florida Healthy Kids~~ corporation,  
 331 or a unit of local government for failure to make health  
 332 services available under this section.

333 (3)-(5) CORPORATION AUTHORIZATION, DUTIES, POWERS.—

334 (a) ~~There is created~~ The Florida Healthy Kids Corporation  
 335 is hereby established as, a not-for-profit corporation.

336 (b) The ~~Florida Healthy Kids~~ corporation shall:

337 1. Arrange for the collection of any family, individual,  
 338 or local contributions, ~~or employer payment or premium,~~ in an

339 amount to be determined by the board of directors, to provide  
 340 for payment of premiums for comprehensive insurance coverage and  
 341 for the actual or estimated administrative expenses.

342 2. Arrange for the collection of ~~any~~ voluntary  
 343 contributions ~~to provide~~ for the payment of premiums for  
 344 enrollees in Florida Kidcare or Healthy Florida program ~~premiums~~  
 345 ~~for children who are not eligible for medical assistance under~~  
 346 ~~Title XIX or Title XXI of the Social Security Act.~~

347 3. Subject to ~~the provisions of~~ s. 409.8134, accept  
 348 voluntary supplemental local match contributions that comply  
 349 with CHIP ~~the requirements of Title XXI of the Social Security~~  
 350 ~~Act~~ for the purpose of providing additional Florida Kidcare  
 351 coverage in contributing counties under CHIP ~~Title XXI.~~

352 4. Establish ~~the~~ administrative and accounting procedures  
 353 for the operation of the corporation.

354 5. Establish, with consultation from appropriate  
 355 professional organizations, standards for preventive health  
 356 services and providers and comprehensive insurance benefits  
 357 appropriate to children, ~~provided that~~ Such standards for rural  
 358 areas may ~~shall~~ not require that ~~limit~~ primary care providers be  
 359 ~~to~~ board-certified pediatricians.

360 6. Determine eligibility for children seeking to  
 361 participate in CHIP ~~the Title XXI-funded components of the~~  
 362 ~~Florida Kidcare program~~ consistent with the requirements  
 363 specified in s. 409.814, as well as ~~the non-Title-XXI-eligible~~  
 364 children not eligible under CHIP as provided in subsection (6)

365 ~~(3).~~

366 7. Establish procedures under which providers of local  
367 match to, applicants to, and participants in Healthy Kids or  
368 Healthy Families ~~the program~~ may have grievances reviewed by an  
369 impartial body and reported to the board of directors of the  
370 corporation.

371 8. Establish participation criteria and, if appropriate,  
372 contract with an authorized insurer, health maintenance  
373 organization, or third-party administrator to provide  
374 administrative services to the corporation.

375 9. Establish enrollment criteria that include penalties or  
376 30-day waiting periods ~~of 30 days~~ for reinstatement of coverage  
377 upon voluntary cancellation for nonpayment of family and  
378 individual premiums under the programs.

379 10. Contract with authorized insurers or providers ~~any~~  
380 ~~provider~~ of health care services who meet the, ~~meeting~~ standards  
381 established by the corporation, ~~for~~ for the provision of  
382 comprehensive insurance coverage to participants. Such standards  
383 must ~~shall~~ include criteria under which the corporation may  
384 contract with more than one provider of health care services in  
385 program sites.

386 a. Health plans shall be selected through a competitive  
387 bid process.

388 b. The ~~Florida Healthy Kids~~ corporation shall purchase  
389 goods and services in the most cost-effective manner consistent  
390 with the delivery of quality medical care. The maximum

391 administrative cost for a ~~Florida Healthy Kids~~ corporation  
 392 contract ~~is shall be~~ 15 percent. For all health care contracts,  
 393 the minimum medical loss ratio is ~~for a Florida Healthy Kids~~  
 394 ~~Corporation contract shall be~~ 85 percent. The calculations must  
 395 use uniform financial data collected from all plans in a format  
 396 established by the corporation and computed for each insurer on  
 397 a statewide basis. Funds shall be classified in a manner  
 398 consistent with 45 C.F.R. part 158 ~~For dental contracts, the~~  
 399 ~~remaining compensation to be paid to the authorized insurer or~~  
 400 ~~provider under a Florida Healthy Kids Corporation contract shall~~  
 401 ~~be no less than an amount which is 85 percent of premium; to the~~  
 402 ~~extent any contract provision does not provide for this minimum~~  
 403 ~~compensation, this section shall prevail.~~

404 c. The health plan selection criteria, and scoring system,  
 405 and ~~the~~ scoring results must, ~~shall~~ be available upon request  
 406 for inspection after ~~the~~ bids have been awarded.

407 11. Establish disenrollment criteria if ~~in the event~~ local  
 408 matching funds are insufficient to cover enrollments.

409 12. Develop and implement a plan to publicize ~~the~~ Florida  
 410 Kidcare and Healthy Florida ~~program~~, the eligibility  
 411 requirements of the programs ~~program~~, and the procedures for  
 412 enrollment in the programs ~~program~~ and to maintain public  
 413 awareness of the corporation and the programs ~~program~~.

414 13. Secure staff necessary to properly administer the  
 415 corporation. Staff costs shall be funded from state and local  
 416 matching funds and such other private or public funds as become



417 available. The board of directors shall determine the number of  
 418 staff members necessary to administer the corporation.

419 14. In consultation with the partner agencies, provide an  
 420 annual ~~a~~ report on ~~the~~ Florida Kidcare ~~program annually~~ to the  
 421 Governor, the Chief Financial Officer, the Commissioner of  
 422 Education, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House  
 423 of Representatives, and the Minority Leaders of the Senate and  
 424 the House of Representatives.

425 15. Provide information on a quarterly basis to the  
 426 Legislature and the Governor which compares the costs and  
 427 utilization of the full-pay enrolled population and the CHIP-  
 428 subsidized ~~Title XXI-subsidized~~ enrolled population in ~~the~~  
 429 Florida Kidcare ~~program~~. ~~The information~~, At a minimum, the  
 430 information must include:

431 a. The monthly enrollment and expenditure for full-pay  
 432 enrollees in the Medikids and ~~Florida~~ Healthy Kids programs  
 433 compared to the CHIP-subsidized ~~Title XXI-subsidized~~ enrolled  
 434 population; and

435 b. The costs and utilization by service of the full-pay  
 436 enrollees in the Medikids and ~~Florida~~ Healthy Kids programs and  
 437 the CHIP-subsidized ~~Title XXI-subsidized~~ enrolled population.

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 439 ~~By February 1, 2010, the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation shall~~  
 440 ~~provide a study to the Legislature and the Governor on premium~~  
 441 ~~impacts to the subsidized portion of the program from the~~  
 442 ~~inclusion of the full-pay program, which shall include~~

443 ~~recommendations on how to eliminate or mitigate possible impacts~~  
444 ~~to the subsidized premiums.~~

445 16. Notify all current full-pay enrollees of the  
446 availability of the exchange, as defined in the federal Patient  
447 Protection and Affordable Care Act, and how to access other  
448 affordable insurance options. New applications for full-pay  
449 coverage may not be accepted after September 30, 2014.

450 17.16. Establish benefit packages that conform to ~~the~~  
451 ~~provisions of the Florida Kidcare program,~~ as created under this  
452 part in ss. 409.810-409.821.

453 (c) Coverage under the corporation's programs ~~program~~ is  
454 secondary to any other available private coverage held by, or  
455 applicable to, the participant ~~child~~ or family member. Insurers  
456 under contract with the corporation are the payors of last  
457 resort and must coordinate benefits with any other third-party  
458 payor that may be liable for the participant's medical care.

459 (d) The ~~Florida Healthy Kids~~ corporation shall be a  
460 private corporation not for profit, registered, incorporated,  
461 and organized pursuant to chapter 617, and shall have all powers  
462 necessary to carry out the purposes of this section ~~act,~~  
463 including, but not limited to, the power to receive and accept  
464 grants, loans, or advances of funds from any public or private  
465 agency and to receive and accept from any source contributions  
466 of money, property, labor, or any other thing of value, to be  
467 held, used, and applied for the purposes of this section ~~act.~~  
468 The corporation and any committees it forms shall comply with

469 part III of chapter 112 and chapters 119 and 286.

470 (4) ~~(6)~~ BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT SUPERVISION.—

471 (a) ~~The Florida Healthy Kids~~ corporation shall operate  
 472 subject to the supervision and approval of a board of directors  
 473 chaired by an appointee designated by the Governor ~~Chief~~  
 474 ~~Financial Officer or her or his designee,~~ and composed of 15 ~~12~~  
 475 other members. The Senate shall confirm the designated chair and  
 476 other board appointees ~~selected~~ for 3-year terms of office as  
 477 follows:

478 1. The Secretary of Health Care Administration, or his or  
 479 her designee, as an ex-officio member.

480 2. The State Surgeon General, or his or her designee, as  
 481 an ex-officio member ~~One member appointed by the Commissioner of~~  
 482 ~~Education from the Office of School Health Programs of the~~  
 483 ~~Florida Department of Education.~~

484 3. The Secretary of Children and Families, or his or her  
 485 designee, as an ex-officio member ~~One member appointed by the~~  
 486 ~~Chief Financial Officer from among three members nominated by~~  
 487 ~~the Florida Pediatric Society.~~

488 4. Four members ~~One member,~~ appointed by the Governor, ~~who~~  
 489 ~~represents the Children's Medical Services Program.~~

490 5. Two members ~~One member~~ appointed by the President of  
 491 the Senate ~~Chief Financial Officer from among three members~~  
 492 ~~nominated by the Florida Hospital Association.~~

493 6. Two members ~~One member,~~ appointed by the Senate  
 494 Minority Leader ~~Governor, who is an expert on child health~~

495 ~~policy.~~

496 7. Two members ~~One member,~~ appointed by the Speaker of the  
 497 House of Representatives ~~Chief Financial Officer,~~ from among  
 498 ~~three members nominated by the Florida Academy of Family~~  
 499 ~~Physicians.~~

500 8. Two members ~~One member,~~ appointed by the House Minority  
 501 Leader ~~Governor,~~ who ~~represents the state Medicaid~~ program.

502 9. ~~One member,~~ appointed by the ~~Chief Financial Officer,~~  
 503 ~~from among three members nominated by the Florida Association of~~  
 504 ~~Counties.~~

505 10. ~~The State Health Officer or her or his designee.~~

506 11. ~~The Secretary of Children and Family Services, or his~~  
 507 ~~or her designee.~~

508 12. ~~One member,~~ appointed by the ~~Governor,~~ from among  
 509 ~~three members nominated by the Florida Dental Association.~~

510 (b) A member of the board of directors may be removed by  
 511 the official who made the appointment ~~appointed that member.~~ The  
 512 board shall appoint an executive director, who is responsible  
 513 for other staff authorized by the board.

514 (c) Board members are entitled to receive, from funds of  
 515 the corporation, reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses  
 516 as provided by s. 112.061.

517 (d) There is ~~shall be~~ no liability on the part of, and no  
 518 cause of action shall arise against, any member of the board of  
 519 directors, or its employees or agents, for any action they take  
 520 in the performance of their powers and duties under this act.

521 (e) Board members who are serving on or before the  
 522 effective date of this act or similar legislation may remain  
 523 until July 1, 2015.

524 (f) An executive steering committee is created to provide  
 525 direction and support to management and to make recommendations  
 526 to the board on programs. The steering committee consists of the  
 527 Secretary of Health Care Administration, the Secretary of  
 528 Children and Families, and the State Surgeon General, who may  
 529 not delegate their membership or attendance.

530 (5) ~~(7)~~ LICENSING NOT REQUIRED; FISCAL OPERATION.—

531 (a) The corporation is ~~shall~~ not be deemed an insurer. The  
 532 officers, directors, and employees of the corporation may ~~shall~~  
 533 not be deemed to be agents of an insurer. Neither the  
 534 corporation nor any officer, director, or employee of the  
 535 corporation is subject to the licensing requirements of the  
 536 insurance code or the rules of the Department of Financial  
 537 Services or the Office of Insurance Regulation. However, any  
 538 marketing representative used ~~utilized~~ and compensated by the  
 539 corporation must be appointed as a representative of the  
 540 insurers or health services providers with which the corporation  
 541 contracts.

542 (b) The board has complete fiscal control over the  
 543 corporation and is responsible for all corporate operations.

544 (c) The Department of Financial Services shall supervise  
 545 any liquidation or dissolution of the corporation and ~~shall~~  
 546 have, with respect to such liquidation or dissolution, shall

547 have all power granted to it pursuant to the insurance code.

548 Section 4. Section 409.813, Florida Statutes, is amended  
549 to read:

550 409.813 Health benefits coverage; program components;  
551 entitlement and nonentitlement.—

552 (1) The Florida Kidcare program includes health benefits  
553 coverage provided to children through the following program  
554 components, which shall be marketed as ~~the~~ Florida Kidcare  
555 ~~program~~:

556 (a) Medicaid;

557 (b) Medikids as created in s. 409.8132;

558 (c) ~~The Florida Healthy Kids Corporation~~ as created in s.  
559 409.8125 ~~s. 624.91~~; and

560 ~~(d) Employer-sponsored group health insurance plans~~  
561 ~~approved under ss. 409.810-409.821; and~~

562 (d)(e) The Children's Medical Services network established  
563 in chapter 391.

564 (2) Except for CHIP-funded ~~Title XIX-funded~~ Florida  
565 Kidcare program coverage under the Medicaid program, coverage  
566 under ~~the~~ Florida Kidcare ~~program~~ is not an entitlement. No  
567 cause of action shall arise against the state, the department,  
568 the Department of Children and Families ~~Family Services~~, ~~or~~ the  
569 agency, or the corporation for failure to make health services  
570 available to any person under this part ~~ss. 409.810-409.821~~.

571 Section 5. Subsections (6) and (7) of section 409.8132,  
572 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

573 409.8132 Medikids program component.—

574 (6) ELIGIBILITY.—

575 (a) A child who has attained the age of 1 year but who is  
576 under the age of 5 years is eligible to enroll in the Medikids  
577 program component of ~~the Florida Kidcare program,~~ if the child  
578 is a member of a family that has a household ~~family~~ income  
579 greater than ~~which exceeds~~ the Medicaid applicable income level  
580 ~~as~~ specified in s. 409.903, but which is equal to or below 200  
581 percent of the current federal poverty level. In determining the  
582 eligibility of such a child, an assets test is not required. ~~A~~  
583 ~~child who is eligible for Medikids may elect to enroll in~~  
584 ~~Florida Healthy Kids coverage or employer-sponsored group~~  
585 ~~coverage. However, a child who is eligible for Medikids may~~  
586 ~~participate in the Florida Healthy Kids Program only if the~~  
587 ~~child has a sibling participating in the Florida Healthy Kids~~  
588 ~~Program and the child's county of residence permits such~~  
589 ~~enrollment.~~

590 (b) The provisions of s. 409.814 apply to the Medikids  
591 program.

592 (7) ENROLLMENT.—Enrollment in ~~the Medikids program~~  
593 ~~component~~ may occur at any time throughout the year. A child may  
594 not receive services under ~~the Medikids program~~ until the child  
595 is enrolled in a managed care plan or MediPass. Once determined  
596 eligible, an applicant may receive choice counseling and select  
597 a managed care plan or MediPass. The agency may initiate  
598 mandatory assignment for a Medikids applicant who has not chosen

599 a managed care plan or MediPass provider after the applicant's  
 600 voluntary choice period ends. An applicant may select MediPass  
 601 under the Medikids program component only in counties that have  
 602 fewer than two managed care plans available to serve Medicaid  
 603 recipients ~~and only if the federal Health Care Financing~~  
 604 ~~Administration determines that MediPass constitutes "health~~  
 605 ~~insurance coverage" as defined in Title XXI of the Social~~  
 606 ~~Security Act.~~

607 Section 6. Subsection (2) of section 409.8134, Florida  
 608 Statutes, is amended to read:

609 409.8134 Program expenditure ceiling; enrollment.—

610 (2) ~~The~~ Florida Kidcare ~~program~~ may conduct enrollment  
 611 continuously throughout the year.

612 (a) Children eligible for coverage under the CHIP-funded  
 613 ~~Title XXI-funded~~ Florida Kidcare program shall be enrolled on a  
 614 first-come, first-served basis using the date the enrollment  
 615 application is received. Enrollment shall immediately cease when  
 616 the expenditure ceiling is reached. Year-round enrollment shall  
 617 ~~only~~ be held only if the Social Services Estimating Conference  
 618 determines that sufficient federal and state funds will be  
 619 available to finance the increased enrollment.

620 (b) An ~~The~~ application for ~~the~~ Florida Kidcare ~~program~~ is  
 621 valid for ~~a period of~~ 120 days after the date it was received.  
 622 ~~At the end of the 120-day period,~~ If the applicant has not been  
 623 enrolled in the program by the end of the 120-day period, the  
 624 application is invalid and the applicant shall be notified of



625 the action. The applicant may reactivate the application after  
 626 notification of the action taken by the program.

627 (c) Except for the Medicaid program, ~~if whenever~~ the  
 628 Social Services Estimating Conference determines that there are  
 629 presently, or ~~will be~~ by the end of the current fiscal year will  
 630 be, insufficient funds to finance the current or projected  
 631 enrollment in ~~the~~ Florida Kidcare ~~program~~, all additional  
 632 enrollment must cease and ~~additional enrollment~~ may not resume  
 633 until sufficient funds are available to finance such enrollment.

634 Section 7. Section 409.814, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 635 to read:

636 409.814 Eligibility.—A child ~~who has not reached 19 years~~  
 637 ~~of age~~ whose household ~~family~~ income is equal to or below 200  
 638 percent of the federal poverty level is eligible for ~~the~~ Florida  
 639 Kidcare ~~program~~ as provided in this section. If an enrolled  
 640 individual is determined to be ineligible for coverage, he or  
 641 she must be immediately disenrolled from the respective Florida  
 642 Kidcare program component and referred to another affordable  
 643 insurance program.

644 (1) A child who is eligible for Medicaid coverage under s.  
 645 409.903 or s. 409.904 must be offered an opportunity to enroll  
 646 ~~enrolled~~ in Medicaid ~~and is not eligible to receive health~~  
 647 ~~benefits under any other health benefits coverage authorized~~  
 648 ~~under the Florida Kidcare program~~. A child who is eligible for  
 649 Medicaid and opts to enroll in CHIP may disenroll from CHIP at  
 650 any time and transition to Medicaid. Such transition must occur

651 without a break in coverage.

652 (2) A child who is not eligible for Medicaid, but who is  
653 eligible for another component of ~~the~~ Florida Kidcare ~~program~~,  
654 may obtain health benefits coverage under any of the other  
655 components listed in s. 409.813 if such coverage is approved and  
656 available in the county in which the child resides.

657 (3) A CHIP-funded ~~Title XXI-funded~~ child who is eligible  
658 for ~~the~~ Florida Kidcare ~~program~~ who is a child with special  
659 health care needs, as determined through a medical or behavioral  
660 screening instrument, is eligible for health benefits coverage  
661 from, ~~and~~ shall be assigned to, and may opt out of the  
662 Children's Medical Services Network.

663 (4) The following children are not eligible to receive  
664 CHIP-funded ~~Title XXI-funded~~ premium assistance for health  
665 benefits coverage under ~~the~~ Florida Kidcare ~~program~~, except  
666 under Medicaid if the child would have been eligible for  
667 Medicaid under s. 409.903 or s. 409.904 as of June 1, 1997:

668 (a) A child who is covered under a family member's group  
669 health benefit plan or under other private or employer health  
670 insurance coverage, if the cost of the child's participation is  
671 not greater than 5 percent of the household ~~family's~~ income. If  
672 a child is otherwise eligible for a subsidy under ~~the~~ Florida  
673 Kidcare ~~program~~ and the cost of the child's participation in the  
674 family member's health insurance benefit plan is greater than 5  
675 percent of the household ~~family's~~ income, the child may enroll  
676 in the appropriate subsidized Florida Kidcare program component.

677 ~~(b) A child who is seeking premium assistance for the~~  
678 ~~Florida Kidcare program through employer-sponsored group~~  
679 ~~coverage, if the child has been covered by the same employer's~~  
680 ~~group coverage during the 60 days before the family submitted an~~  
681 ~~application for determination of eligibility under the program.~~

682 (b)~~(e)~~ A child who is an alien, but who does not meet the  
683 definition of qualified alien, in the United States.

684 (c)~~(d)~~ A child who is an inmate of a public institution or  
685 a patient in an institution for mental diseases.

686 (d)~~(e)~~ A child who is otherwise eligible for premium  
687 assistance for the Florida Kidcare program and has had his or  
688 her coverage in an employer-sponsored or private health benefit  
689 plan voluntarily canceled in the last 60 days, except those  
690 children whose coverage was voluntarily canceled for good cause,  
691 including, but not limited to, the following circumstances:

692 1. The cost of participation in an employer-sponsored  
693 health benefit plan is greater than 5 percent of the household's  
694 modified adjusted gross family's income;

695 2. The parent lost a job that provided an employer-  
696 sponsored health benefit plan for children;

697 3. The parent who had health benefits coverage for the  
698 child is deceased;

699 4. The child has a medical condition that, without medical  
700 care, would cause serious disability, loss of function, or  
701 death;

702 5. The employer of the parent canceled health benefits

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703 coverage for children;

704 6. The child's health benefits coverage ended because the  
705 child reached the maximum lifetime coverage amount;

706 7. The child has exhausted coverage under a COBRA  
707 continuation provision;

708 8. The health benefits coverage does not cover the child's  
709 health care needs; or

710 9. Domestic violence led to loss of coverage.

711 ~~(5) A child who is otherwise eligible for the Florida  
712 Kidcare program and who has a preexisting condition that  
713 prevents coverage under another insurance plan as described in  
714 paragraph (4) (a) which would have disqualified the child for the  
715 Florida Kidcare program if the child were able to enroll in the  
716 plan is eligible for Florida Kidcare coverage when enrollment is  
717 possible.~~

718 (5)(6) A child whose household's modified adjusted gross  
719 ~~family~~ income is above 200 percent of the federal poverty level  
720 or a child who is excluded under ~~the provisions of~~ subsection  
721 (4) may participate in ~~the~~ Florida Kidcare ~~program~~ as provided  
722 in s. 409.8132 or, if the child is ineligible for Medikids by  
723 reason of age, in the ~~Florida~~ Healthy Kids program, subject to  
724 the following:

725 (a) The family is not eligible for premium assistance  
726 payments and must pay the full cost of the premium, including  
727 any administrative costs.

728 (b) The board of directors of the Florida Healthy Kids

729 Corporation may offer a reduced benefit package to these  
 730 children in order to limit program costs for such families.

731 (c) The corporation shall notify all current full-pay  
 732 enrollees of the availability of the exchange and how to access  
 733 other affordable insurance options.

734 (6)(7) Once a child is enrolled in ~~the~~ Florida Kidcare  
 735 ~~program~~, the child is eligible for coverage for 12 months  
 736 without a redetermination or reverification of eligibility~~7~~ if  
 737 the family continues to pay the applicable premium. Eligibility  
 738 for program components funded through CHIP ~~Title XXI of the~~  
 739 ~~Social Security Act~~ terminates when a child attains the age of  
 740 19. A child who has not attained the age of 5 and who has been  
 741 determined eligible for the Medicaid program is eligible for  
 742 coverage for 12 months without a redetermination or  
 743 reverification of eligibility.

744 (7)(8) When determining or reviewing a child's eligibility  
 745 under ~~the~~ Florida Kidcare ~~Program~~, the applicant shall be  
 746 provided with reasonable notice of changes in eligibility which  
 747 may affect enrollment in one or more of the program components.  
 748 If a transition from one program component to another is  
 749 authorized, there must ~~shall~~ be cooperation between the program  
 750 components and the affected family which promotes continuity of  
 751 health care coverage. Any authorized transfers must be managed  
 752 within the program's overall appropriated or authorized levels  
 753 of funding. Each component of the program shall establish a  
 754 reserve to ensure that transfers between components are ~~will be~~

755 accomplished within current year appropriations. These reserves  
756 shall be reviewed by each convening of the Social Services  
757 Estimating Conference to determine their ~~the~~ adequacy ~~of such~~  
758 ~~reserves~~ to meet actual experience.

759 ~~(8)-(9)~~ In determining the eligibility of a child, an  
760 assets test is not required. Each applicant shall provide  
761 documentation during the application process and the  
762 redetermination process, including, but not limited to, the  
763 following:

764 (a) Proof of household ~~family~~ income, which must be  
765 verified electronically to determine financial eligibility for  
766 ~~the~~ Florida Kidcare ~~program~~. Written documentation, which may  
767 include wages and earnings statements or pay stubs, W-2 forms,  
768 or a copy of the applicant's most recent federal income tax  
769 return, is required only if the electronic verification is not  
770 available or does not substantiate the applicant's income.

771 (b) A statement from all applicable, employed household  
772 ~~family~~ members that:

773 1. Their employers do not sponsor health benefit plans for  
774 employees;

775 2. The potential enrollee is not covered by an employer-  
776 sponsored health benefit plan; or

777 3. The potential enrollee is covered by an employer-  
778 sponsored health benefit plan and the cost of the employer-  
779 sponsored health benefit plan is more than 5 percent of the  
780 household's modified adjusted gross ~~family's~~ income.

781 (c) To enroll in the Children's Medical Services Network,  
782 a completed application, including a clinical screening.

783 (d) Eligibility shall be determined through electronic  
784 matching using the federally managed data services hub and other  
785 resources. Written documentation from the applicant may be  
786 accepted if the electronic verification does not substantiate  
787 the applicant's income or if there has been a change in  
788 circumstances.

789 (9)-(10) Subject to paragraph (4) (a), the Florida Kidcare  
790 program shall withhold benefits from an enrollee if the program  
791 obtains evidence that the enrollee is no longer eligible,  
792 submitted incorrect or fraudulent information in order to  
793 establish eligibility, or failed to provide verification of  
794 eligibility. The applicant or enrollee shall be notified that  
795 because of such evidence, program benefits will be withheld  
796 unless the applicant or enrollee contacts a designated  
797 representative of the program by a specified date, which must be  
798 within 10 working days after the date of notice, to discuss and  
799 resolve the matter. The program shall make every effort to  
800 resolve the matter within a timeframe that does ~~will~~ not cause  
801 benefits to be withheld from an eligible enrollee.

802 (10)-(11) The following individuals may be subject to  
803 prosecution in accordance with s. 414.39:

804 (a) An applicant obtaining or attempting to obtain  
805 benefits for a potential enrollee under ~~the~~ Florida Kidcare if  
806 ~~program when~~ the applicant knows or should have known the

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807 potential enrollee does not qualify for ~~the~~ Florida Kidcare  
808 ~~program~~.

809 (b) An individual who assists an applicant in obtaining or  
810 attempting to obtain benefits for a potential enrollee under ~~the~~  
811 Florida Kidcare if program ~~when~~ the individual knows or should  
812 have known the potential enrollee does not qualify for ~~the~~  
813 Florida Kidcare ~~program~~.

814 Section 8. Subsection (2) of section 409.815, Florida  
815 Statutes, is amended to read:

816 409.815 Health benefits coverage; limitations.—

817 (2) BENCHMARK BENEFITS.—In order for health benefits  
818 coverage to qualify for premium assistance payments for an  
819 eligible child under this part ~~ss. 409.810–409.821~~, the health  
820 benefits coverage, except for coverage under Medicaid and  
821 Medikids, must include the following minimum benefits, as  
822 medically necessary.

823 (a) *Preventive health services*.—Covered services include:

- 824 1. Well-child care, including services recommended in the  
825 Guidelines for Health Supervision of Children and Youth as  
826 developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics;
- 827 2. Immunizations and injections;
- 828 3. Health education counseling and clinical services;
- 829 4. Vision screening; and
- 830 5. Hearing screening.

831 (b) *Inpatient hospital services*.—All covered services  
832 provided for the medical care and treatment of an enrollee who



833 is admitted as an inpatient to a hospital licensed under part I  
834 of chapter 395, with the following exceptions:

835 1. All admissions must be authorized by the enrollee's  
836 health benefits coverage provider.

837 2. The length of the patient stay shall be ~~determined~~  
838 based on the medical condition of the enrollee in relation to  
839 the necessary and appropriate level of care.

840 3. Room and board may be limited to semiprivate  
841 accommodations, unless a private room is considered medically  
842 necessary or semiprivate accommodations are not available.

843 4. Admissions for rehabilitation and physical therapy are  
844 limited to 15 days per contract year.

845 (c) *Emergency services.*—Covered services include visits to  
846 an emergency room or other licensed facility if needed  
847 immediately due to an injury or illness and delay means risk of  
848 permanent damage to the enrollee's health. Health maintenance  
849 organizations must ~~shall~~ comply with ~~the provisions of~~ s.  
850 641.513.

851 (d) *Maternity services.*—Covered services include maternity  
852 and newborn care, including prenatal and postnatal care, with  
853 the following limitations:

854 1. Coverage may be limited to the fee for vaginal  
855 deliveries; and

856 2. Initial inpatient care for newborn infants of enrolled  
857 adolescents is ~~shall be~~ covered, including normal newborn care,  
858 nursery charges, and the initial pediatric or neonatal

859 examination, and the infant may be covered for up to 3 days  
 860 following birth.

861 (e) *Organ transplantation services.*—Covered services  
 862 include pretransplant, transplant, and postdischarge services  
 863 and treatment of complications after transplantation if ~~for~~  
 864 ~~transplants~~ deemed necessary and appropriate within the  
 865 guidelines set by the Organ Transplant Advisory Council under s.  
 866 765.53 or the Bone Marrow Transplant Advisory Panel under s.  
 867 627.4236.

868 (f) *Outpatient services.*—Covered services include  
 869 preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, palliative care, and other  
 870 services provided to an enrollee in the outpatient portion of a  
 871 health facility licensed under chapter 395, except for the  
 872 following limitations:

- 873 1. Services must be authorized by the enrollee's health  
 874 benefits coverage provider; and
- 875 2. Treatment for temporomandibular joint disease (TMJ) is  
 876 specifically excluded.

877 (g) *Behavioral health services.*—

- 878 1. Mental health benefits include:
  - 879 a. Inpatient services, ~~limited to 30 inpatient days per~~  
 880 ~~contract year~~ for psychiatric admissions, or residential  
 881 services in facilities licensed under s. 394.875(6) or s.  
 882 395.003 in lieu of inpatient psychiatric admissions; ~~however, a~~  
 883 ~~minimum of 10 of the 30 days shall be available only for~~  
 884 ~~inpatient psychiatric services~~ if authorized by a physician; and

885           b. Outpatient services, including outpatient visits for  
 886     psychological or psychiatric evaluation, diagnosis, and  
 887     treatment by a licensed mental health professional, ~~limited to~~  
 888     ~~40 outpatient visits each contract year.~~

889           2. Substance abuse services include:

890           a. Inpatient services, ~~limited to 7 inpatient days per~~  
 891     ~~contract year~~ for medical detoxification only and ~~30 days of~~  
 892     residential services; and

893           b. Outpatient services, including evaluation, diagnosis,  
 894     and treatment by a licensed practitioner, ~~limited to 40~~  
 895     ~~outpatient visits per contract year.~~

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897     ~~Effective October 1, 2009,~~ Covered services include inpatient  
 898     and outpatient services for mental and nervous disorders as  
 899     defined in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and  
 900     Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American  
 901     Psychiatric Association. Such benefits include psychological or  
 902     psychiatric evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment by a licensed  
 903     mental health professional and inpatient, outpatient, and  
 904     residential treatment of substance abuse disorders. Any benefit  
 905     limitations, including duration of services, number of visits,  
 906     or number of days for hospitalization or residential services,  
 907     ~~may shall~~ may not be any less favorable than those for physical  
 908     illnesses generally. The program may also implement appropriate  
 909     financial incentives, peer review, utilization requirements, and  
 910     other methods used for the management of benefits provided for

911 other medical conditions in order to reduce service costs and  
912 utilization without compromising quality of care.

913 (h) *Durable medical equipment.*—Covered services include  
914 equipment and devices that are medically indicated to assist in  
915 the treatment of a medical condition and specifically prescribed  
916 as medically necessary, with the following limitations:

917 1. Low-vision and telescopic aids ~~aides~~ are not included.

918 2. Corrective lenses and frames may be limited to one pair  
919 every 2 years, unless the prescription or head size of the  
920 enrollee changes.

921 3. Hearing aids are ~~shall be~~ covered only if ~~when~~  
922 medically indicated to assist in the treatment of a medical  
923 condition.

924 4. Covered prosthetic devices include artificial eyes and  
925 limbs, braces, and other artificial aids.

926 (i) *Health practitioner services.*—Covered services include  
927 services and procedures rendered to an enrollee if ~~when~~  
928 performed to diagnose and treat diseases, injuries, or other  
929 conditions, including care rendered by health practitioners  
930 acting within the scope of their practice, with the following  
931 exceptions:

932 1. Chiropractic services shall be provided in the same  
933 manner as under ~~in~~ the ~~Florida~~ Medicaid program.

934 2. Podiatric services may be limited to one visit per day  
935 totaling two visits per month for specific foot disorders.

936 (j) *Home health services.*—Covered services include

937 prescribed home visits by both registered and licensed practical  
938 nurses to provide skilled nursing services on a part-time  
939 intermittent basis, subject to the following limitations:

940 1. Coverage may be limited to include skilled nursing  
941 services only;

942 2. Meals, housekeeping, and personal comfort items may be  
943 excluded; and

944 3. Private duty nursing is limited to circumstances where  
945 such care is medically necessary.

946 (k) *Hospice services.*—Covered services include reasonable  
947 and necessary services for palliation or management of an  
948 enrollee's terminal illness, ~~with the following exceptions:~~

949 ~~1. Once a family elects to receive hospice care for an~~  
950 ~~enrollee, other services that treat the terminal condition will~~  
951 ~~not be covered; and~~

952 ~~2. Services required for conditions totally unrelated to~~  
953 ~~the terminal condition are covered to the extent that the~~  
954 ~~services are included in this section.~~

955 (l) *Laboratory and X-ray services.*—Covered services  
956 include diagnostic testing, including clinical radiologic,  
957 laboratory, and other diagnostic tests.

958 (m) *Nursing facility services.*—Covered services include  
959 regular nursing services, rehabilitation services, drugs and  
960 biologicals, medical supplies, and the use of appliances and  
961 equipment furnished by the facility, with the following  
962 limitations:

- 963 1. All admissions must be authorized by the health  
 964 benefits coverage provider.
- 965 2. The length of the patient stay shall be ~~determined~~  
 966 based on the medical condition of the enrollee in relation to  
 967 the necessary and appropriate level of care, but is limited to  
 968 ~~not more than~~ 100 days per contract year.
- 969 3. Room and board may be limited to semiprivate  
 970 accommodations, unless a private room is considered medically  
 971 necessary or semiprivate accommodations are not available.
- 972 4. Specialized treatment centers and independent kidney  
 973 disease treatment centers are excluded.
- 974 5. Private duty nurses, television, and custodial care are  
 975 excluded.
- 976 6. Admissions for rehabilitation and physical therapy are  
 977 limited to 15 days per contract year.
- 978 (n) *Prescribed drugs.*—
- 979 1. Coverage includes ~~shall include~~ drugs prescribed for  
 980 the treatment of illness or injury if ~~when~~ prescribed by a  
 981 licensed health practitioner acting within the scope of his or  
 982 her practice.
- 983 2. Prescribed drugs may be limited to generics if  
 984 available and brand name products if a generic substitution is  
 985 not available, unless the prescribing licensed health  
 986 practitioner indicates that a brand name is medically necessary.
- 987 3. Prescribed drugs covered under this section ~~shall~~  
 988 include all prescribed drugs covered under the ~~Florida~~ Medicaid

989 program.

990 (o) *Therapy services.*—Covered services include  
991 rehabilitative services, including occupational, physical,  
992 respiratory, and speech therapies, with the following  
993 limitations:

994 1. Services must be for short-term rehabilitation where  
995 significant improvement in the enrollee's condition will result;  
996 and

997 2. Services are ~~shall be~~ limited to ~~not more than~~ 24  
998 treatment sessions within a 60-day period per episode or injury,  
999 with the 60-day period beginning with the first treatment.

1000 (p) *Transportation services.*—Covered services include  
1001 emergency transportation required in response to an emergency  
1002 situation.

1003 (q) *Dental services.*—~~Effective October 1, 2009,~~ Dental  
1004 services are ~~shall be~~ covered as required under federal law and  
1005 may also include ~~these~~ dental benefits provided to children by  
1006 the ~~Florida~~ Medicaid program under s. 409.906(6).

1007 (r) *Lifetime maximum.*—Health benefits coverage obtained  
1008 under this part ~~ss. 409.810–409.820 shall~~ pay an enrollee's  
1009 covered expenses at a lifetime maximum of \$1 million per covered  
1010 child.

1011 (s) *Cost sharing.*—Cost-sharing provisions must comply with  
1012 s. 409.816.

1013 (t) *Exclusions.*—

1014 1. Experimental or investigational procedures that have

1015 not been clinically proven by reliable evidence are excluded;

1016 2. Services performed for cosmetic purposes only or for  
1017 the convenience of the enrollee are excluded; and

1018 3. Abortion may be covered only if necessary to save the  
1019 life of the mother or if the pregnancy is the result of an act  
1020 of rape or incest.

1021 (u) *Enhancements to minimum requirements.*—

1022 1. This section sets the minimum benefits that must be  
1023 included in any health benefits coverage, other than Medicaid or  
1024 Medikids coverage, offered under this part ~~ss. 409.810-409.821~~.  
1025 Health benefits coverage may include additional benefits not  
1026 included under this subsection, but may not include benefits  
1027 excluded under paragraph (s).

1028 2. Health benefits coverage may extend any limitations  
1029 beyond the minimum benefits described in this section.

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1031 Except for the Children's Medical Services Network, the agency  
1032 may not increase the premium assistance payment for ~~either~~  
1033 additional benefits provided beyond the minimum benefits  
1034 described in this section or the imposition of less restrictive  
1035 service limitations.

1036 (v) *Applicability of other state laws.*—Health insurers,  
1037 health maintenance organizations, and their agents are subject  
1038 to ~~the provisions of~~ the Florida Insurance Code, except for any  
1039 ~~such~~ provisions waived under ~~in~~ this section.

1040 1. Except as expressly provided in this section, a law



1041 requiring coverage for a specific health care service or  
 1042 benefit, or a law requiring reimbursement, utilization, or  
 1043 consideration of a specific category of licensed health care  
 1044 practitioner, does not apply to a health insurance plan policy  
 1045 or contract offered or delivered under this part ~~ss. 409.810-~~  
 1046 ~~409.821~~ unless that law is made expressly applicable to such  
 1047 policies or contracts.

1048 2. Notwithstanding chapter 641, a health maintenance  
 1049 organization may issue contracts providing benefits equal to,  
 1050 exceeding, or actuarially equivalent to the benchmark benefit  
 1051 plan authorized by this section and may pay providers located in  
 1052 a rural county negotiated fees or Medicaid reimbursement rates  
 1053 for services provided to enrollees who are residents of the  
 1054 rural county.

1055 (w) *Reimbursement of federally qualified health centers*  
 1056 *and rural health clinics.* ~~Effective October 1, 2009,~~ Payments  
 1057 for services provided to enrollees by federally qualified health  
 1058 centers and rural health clinics under this section shall be  
 1059 reimbursed using the Medicaid Prospective Payment System as  
 1060 provided ~~for~~ under s. 2107(e)(1)(D) of the Social Security Act.  
 1061 If such services are paid ~~for~~ by health insurers or health care  
 1062 providers under contract with the ~~Florida Healthy Kids~~  
 1063 corporation, such entities are responsible for this payment. The  
 1064 agency may seek ~~any~~ available federal grants to assist with this  
 1065 transition.

1066 Section 9. Section 409.816, Florida Statutes, is amended

1067 to read:

1068 409.816 Limitations on premiums and cost sharing.—The  
 1069 following limitations on premiums and cost sharing are  
 1070 established for the program.

1071 (1) Enrollees who receive coverage under the Medicaid  
 1072 program may not be required to pay:

1073 (a) Enrollment fees, premiums, or similar charges; or

1074 (b) Copayments, deductibles, coinsurance, or similar  
 1075 charges.

1076 (2) Enrollees in households that have ~~families with~~ a  
 1077 modified adjusted gross family income equal to or below 150  
 1078 percent of the federal poverty level, who are not receiving  
 1079 coverage under the Medicaid program, are ~~may not be~~ required to  
 1080 pay:

1081 (a) Enrollment fees, premiums, or similar charges that  
 1082 exceed the maximum monthly charge permitted under s. 1916(b)(1)  
 1083 of the Social Security Act; or

1084 (b) Copayments, deductibles, coinsurance, or similar  
 1085 charges that exceed a nominal amount, as determined consistent  
 1086 with regulations referred to in s. 1916(a)(3) of the Social  
 1087 Security Act. However, such charges may not be imposed for  
 1088 preventive services, including well-baby and well-child care,  
 1089 age-appropriate immunizations, and routine hearing and vision  
 1090 screenings.

1091 (3) Enrollees in households that have ~~families with~~ a  
 1092 modified adjusted gross family income above 150 percent of the

1093 federal poverty level who are not receiving coverage under the  
 1094 Medicaid program or who are not eligible under s. 409.814(5) ~~s.~~  
 1095 ~~409.814(6)~~ may be required to pay enrollment fees, premiums,  
 1096 copayments, deductibles, coinsurance, or similar charges on a  
 1097 sliding scale related to income, except that the total annual  
 1098 aggregate cost sharing with respect to all children in a  
 1099 household ~~family~~ may not exceed 5 percent of the household's  
 1100 modified adjusted ~~family's~~ income. However, copayments,  
 1101 deductibles, coinsurance, or similar charges may not be imposed  
 1102 for preventive services, including well-baby and well-child  
 1103 care, age-appropriate immunizations, and routine hearing and  
 1104 vision screenings.

1105 Section 10. Section 409.817, Florida Statutes, is  
 1106 repealed.

1107 Section 11. Section 409.8175, Florida Statutes, is  
 1108 repealed.

1109 Section 12. Subsection (1) of section 409.8177, Florida  
 1110 Statutes, is amended to read:

1111 409.8177 Program evaluation.—

1112 (1) The agency, in consultation with the Department of  
 1113 Health, the Department of Children and Families ~~Family Services~~,  
 1114 and the ~~Florida Healthy Kids~~ corporation, shall contract for an  
 1115 evaluation of ~~the~~ Florida Kidcare ~~program~~ and shall by January 1  
 1116 of each year submit to the Governor, the President of the  
 1117 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives a report  
 1118 of the program. In addition to the items specified under s. 2108

1119 of Title XXI of the Social Security Act, the report shall  
 1120 include an assessment of crowd-out and access to health care, as  
 1121 well as the following:

1122 (a) An assessment of the operation of the program,  
 1123 including the progress made in reducing the number of uncovered  
 1124 low-income children.

1125 (b) An assessment of the effectiveness in increasing the  
 1126 number of children with creditable health coverage, including an  
 1127 assessment of the impact of outreach.

1128 (c) The characteristics of the children and families  
 1129 assisted under the program, including ages of the children,  
 1130 household ~~family~~ income, and access to or coverage by other  
 1131 health insurance before enrolling in ~~prior to~~ the program and  
 1132 after disenrollment from the program.

1133 (d) The quality of health coverage provided, including the  
 1134 types of benefits provided.

1135 (e) The amount and level, including payment of part or all  
 1136 of any premium, of assistance provided.

1137 (f) The average length of coverage of a child under the  
 1138 program.

1139 (g) The program's choice of health benefits coverage and  
 1140 other methods used for providing child health assistance.

1141 (h) The sources of nonfederal funding used in the program.

1142 (i) An assessment of the effectiveness of the Florida  
 1143 Kidcare program, including Medicaid, the ~~Florida~~ Healthy Kids  
 1144 program, Medikids, and the Children's Medical Services Network,

1145 and other public and private programs in the state in increasing  
 1146 the availability of affordable quality health insurance and  
 1147 health care for children.

1148 (j) A review and assessment of state activities to  
 1149 coordinate the program with other public and private programs.

1150 (k) An analysis of changes and trends in the state that  
 1151 affect the provision of health insurance and health care to  
 1152 children.

1153 (l) A description of any plans the state has for improving  
 1154 the availability of health insurance and health care for  
 1155 children.

1156 (m) Recommendations for improving the program.

1157 (n) Other studies as necessary.

1158 Section 13. Section 409.818, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 1159 to read:

1160 409.818 Administration.—In order to administer this part  
 1161 ~~implement ss. 409.810-409.821~~, the following agencies shall have  
 1162 the following duties:

1163 (1) The Department of Children and Families ~~Family~~  
 1164 ~~Services~~ shall:

1165 (a) Maintain ~~Develop~~ a simplified eligibility  
 1166 determination and renewal process ~~application mail-in form to be~~  
 1167 ~~used for determining the eligibility of children for coverage~~  
 1168 under the Florida Kidcare ~~program~~, in consultation with the  
 1169 agency, the Department of Health, and the ~~Florida Healthy Kids~~  
 1170 corporation. The simplified eligibility process ~~application form~~

1171 must include ~~an item that provides~~ an opportunity for the  
1172 applicant to indicate whether coverage is being sought for a  
1173 child with special health care needs. Families applying for  
1174 children's Medicaid coverage must also be able to use the  
1175 simplified application process ~~form~~ without having to pay a  
1176 premium.

1177 (b) Establish and maintain the eligibility determination  
1178 process under the program except as specified in subsection (3),  
1179 which includes the following: (5).

1180 1. The department shall directly, or through the services  
1181 of a contracted third-party administrator, establish and  
1182 maintain a process to be for determining eligibility of children  
1183 ~~for coverage under the program. The eligibility determination~~  
1184 ~~process must be~~ used solely for determining the eligibility of  
1185 applicants for health benefits coverage under the program. The  
1186 eligibility determination process must include an initial  
1187 determination of eligibility for any coverage offered under the  
1188 program, as well as a redetermination or reverification of  
1189 eligibility each subsequent 6 months. ~~Effective January 1, 1999,~~  
1190 A child who has not attained ~~the age of~~ 5 years of age and who  
1191 has been determined eligible for the Medicaid program is  
1192 eligible for coverage for 12 months without a redetermination or  
1193 reverification of eligibility. In conducting an eligibility  
1194 determination, the department shall determine if the child has  
1195 special health care needs.

1196 2. The department, in consultation with the agency ~~for~~

1197 ~~Health Care Administration and the Florida Healthy Kids~~  
1198 ~~corporation, shall develop procedures for redetermining~~  
1199 ~~eligibility which enable applicants and enrollees a family to~~  
1200 ~~easily update any change in circumstances which could affect~~  
1201 ~~eligibility.~~

1202 3. The department may accept changes in ~~a family's~~ status  
1203 as reported to the department by the ~~Florida Healthy Kids~~  
1204 ~~corporation~~ or the exchange as defined under the Patient  
1205 Protection and Affordable Care Act without requiring a new  
1206 application ~~from the family~~. Redetermination of a child's  
1207 eligibility for Medicaid may not be linked to a child's  
1208 eligibility determination for other programs.

1209 4. The department, in consultation with the agency and the  
1210 corporation, shall develop a combined eligibility notice to  
1211 inform applicants or enrollees of their application or renewal  
1212 status, as appropriate. By January 1, 2015, the content of the  
1213 notice must be coordinated to meet all federal and state law and  
1214 regulatory requirements under the federal Patient Protection and  
1215 Affordable Care Act. The notice shall be issued by the last  
1216 agency or department to make an eligibility, renewal, or denial  
1217 determination.

1218 (c) Inform program applicants about eligibility  
1219 determinations and provide information about eligibility of  
1220 applicants to ~~the Florida Kidcare program~~ and to insurers and  
1221 their agents, ~~through a centralized coordinating office.~~

1222 (d) Adopt rules necessary for conducting program

1223 eligibility functions.

1224 ~~(2) The Department of Health shall:~~

1225 ~~(a) Design an eligibility intake process for the program,~~  
1226 ~~in coordination with the Department of Children and Family~~  
1227 ~~Services, the agency, and the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation.~~  
1228 ~~The eligibility intake process may include local intake points~~  
1229 ~~that are determined by the Department of Health in coordination~~  
1230 ~~with the Department of Children and Family Services.~~

1231 ~~(b) Chair a state-level Florida Kidcare coordinating~~  
1232 ~~council to review and make recommendations concerning the~~  
1233 ~~implementation and operation of the program. The coordinating~~  
1234 ~~council shall include representatives from the department, the~~  
1235 ~~Department of Children and Family Services, the agency, the~~  
1236 ~~Florida Healthy Kids Corporation, the Office of Insurance~~  
1237 ~~Regulation of the Financial Services Commission, local~~  
1238 ~~government, health insurers, health maintenance organizations,~~  
1239 ~~health care providers, families participating in the program,~~  
1240 ~~and organizations representing low income families.~~

1241 ~~(c) In consultation with the Florida Healthy Kids~~  
1242 ~~Corporation and the Department of Children and Family Services,~~  
1243 ~~establish a toll-free telephone line to assist families with~~  
1244 ~~questions about the program.~~

1245 ~~(d) Adopt rules necessary to implement outreach~~  
1246 ~~activities.~~

1247 (2)~~(3)~~ Pursuant to The agency for Health Care  
1248 Administration, under the authority granted in s. 409.914(1),



1249 the agency shall:

1250 (a) Calculate the premium assistance payment necessary to  
1251 comply with the premium and cost-sharing limitations specified  
1252 in s. 409.816 and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care  
1253 Act. The premium assistance payment for each enrollee in a  
1254 health insurance plan participating in the ~~Florida Healthy Kids~~  
1255 corporation must ~~shall~~ equal the premium approved by the ~~Florida~~  
1256 ~~Healthy Kids~~ corporation and ~~the Office of Insurance Regulation~~  
1257 ~~of the Financial Services Commission pursuant to ss. 627.410 and~~  
1258 ~~641.31~~, less any enrollee's share of the premium established  
1259 within the limitations specified in s. 409.816. ~~The premium~~  
1260 ~~assistance payment for each enrollee in an employer-sponsored~~  
1261 ~~health insurance plan approved under ss. 409.810-409.821 shall~~  
1262 ~~equal the premium for the plan adjusted for any benchmark~~  
1263 ~~benefit plan actuarial equivalent benefit rider approved by the~~  
1264 ~~Office of Insurance Regulation pursuant to ss. 627.410 and~~  
1265 ~~641.31, less any enrollee's share of the premium established~~  
1266 ~~within the limitations specified in s. 409.816. In calculating~~  
1267 ~~the premium assistance payment levels for children with family~~  
1268 ~~coverage, the agency shall set the premium assistance payment~~  
1269 ~~levels for each child proportionately to the total cost of~~  
1270 ~~family coverage.~~

1271 (b) Make premium assistance payments to health insurance  
1272 plans on a periodic basis. The agency may use its Medicaid  
1273 fiscal agent or a contracted third-party administrator in making  
1274 these payments. The agency may require health insurance plans

1275 that participate in the Medikids program ~~or employer-sponsored~~  
 1276 ~~group health insurance~~ to collect premium payments from an  
 1277 enrollee's family. Participating health insurance plans shall  
 1278 report premium payments collected on behalf of enrollees in the  
 1279 program to the agency in accordance with a schedule established  
 1280 by the agency.

1281 (c) Monitor compliance with quality assurance and access  
 1282 standards developed under s. 409.820 and in accordance with s.  
 1283 2103(f) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. s. 1397cc(f).

1284 (d) Establish a mechanism for investigating and resolving  
 1285 complaints and grievances from program applicants, enrollees,  
 1286 and health benefits coverage providers, and maintain a record of  
 1287 complaints and confirmed problems. In the case of a child who is  
 1288 enrolled in a managed care ~~health maintenance~~ organization, the  
 1289 agency must use the provisions of s. 641.511 to address  
 1290 grievance reporting and resolution requirements.

1291 ~~(e) Approve health benefits coverage for participation in~~  
 1292 ~~the program, following certification by the Office of Insurance~~  
 1293 ~~Regulation under subsection (4).~~

1294 (e) ~~(f)~~ Adopt rules necessary for ~~calculating premium~~  
 1295 ~~assistance payment levels, making premium assistance payments,~~  
 1296 monitoring access and quality assurance standards and  
 1297 investigating and resolving complaints and grievances~~,~~  
 1298 ~~administering the Medikids program, and approving health~~  
 1299 ~~benefits coverage.~~

1300 (f) Contract with the corporation for the administration

1301 of Florida Kidcare and Healthy Florida and to facilitate the  
1302 release of any federal and state funds.

1303

1304 The agency is designated the lead state agency for CHIP ~~Title~~  
1305 ~~XXI of the Social Security Act~~ for purposes of receipt of  
1306 federal funds, for reporting purposes, and for ensuring  
1307 compliance with federal and state regulations and rules.

1308 ~~(4) The Office of Insurance Regulation shall certify that~~  
1309 ~~health benefits coverage plans that seek to provide services~~  
1310 ~~under the Florida Kidcare program, except those offered through~~  
1311 ~~the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation or the Children's Medical~~  
1312 ~~Services Network, meet, exceed, or are actuarially equivalent to~~  
1313 ~~the benchmark benefit plan and that health insurance plans will~~  
1314 ~~be offered at an approved rate. In determining actuarial~~  
1315 ~~equivalence of benefits coverage, the Office of Insurance~~  
1316 ~~Regulation and health insurance plans must comply with the~~  
1317 ~~requirements of s. 2103 of Title XXI of the Social Security Act.~~  
1318 ~~The department shall adopt rules necessary for certifying health~~  
1319 ~~benefits coverage plans.~~

1320 (3) ~~(5)~~ The ~~Florida Healthy Kids~~ corporation shall retain  
1321 its functions as authorized under s. 409.8125 ~~in s. 624.91~~,  
1322 including eligibility determination for participation in ~~the~~  
1323 ~~Healthy Kids program.~~

1324 (4) ~~(6)~~ The agency, the Department of Health, the  
1325 Department of Children and Families ~~Family Services~~, and the  
1326 ~~Florida Healthy Kids corporation, and the Office of Insurance~~

1327 ~~Regulation,~~ after consultation with and approval of the Speaker  
 1328 of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate,  
 1329 ~~may are authorized to~~ make program modifications that are  
 1330 necessary to overcome any objections of the United States  
 1331 Department of Health and Human Services to obtain approval of  
 1332 the state's CHIP ~~child health insurance~~ plan under Title XXI of  
 1333 the Social Security Act.

1334 Section 14. Section 409.820, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 1335 to read:

1336 409.820 Quality assurance and access standards.—Except for  
 1337 Medicaid, the Department of Health, in consultation with the  
 1338 agency and the ~~Florida Healthy Kids~~ corporation, shall develop a  
 1339 minimum set of pediatric and adolescent quality assurance and  
 1340 access standards for all program components. The standards must  
 1341 include a process for granting exceptions to specific  
 1342 requirements for quality assurance and access. Compliance with  
 1343 the standards shall be a condition of program participation by  
 1344 health benefits coverage providers. These standards must ~~shall~~  
 1345 comply with ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter, and chapter 641, and  
 1346 Title XXI of the Social Security Act.

1347 Section 15. Section 409.822, Florida Statutes, is created  
 1348 to read:

1349 409.822 Healthy Florida.—

1350 (1) PROGRAM CREATION.—Healthy Florida, a health care  
 1351 program for lower income, uninsured adults who meet the  
 1352 eligibility guidelines established under s. 409.8125, is

1353 created. The corporation shall administer the program under its  
1354 existing corporate governance and structure.

1355 (2) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible and to remain eligible for  
1356 Healthy Florida, an individual must be a resident of this state  
1357 and meet the following additional criteria:

1358 (a) Be identified as newly eligible, as defined in s.  
1359 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) of the Social Security Act or s. 2001 of  
1360 the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and as  
1361 may be further defined by federal regulation.

1362 (b) Maintain eligibility with the corporation and meet all  
1363 renewal requirements as established by the corporation.

1364 (c) Renew eligibility on at least an annual basis.

1365 (3) ENROLLMENT.—The corporation may begin the enrollment  
1366 of applicants in Healthy Florida on October 1, 2014. Enrollment  
1367 may occur directly, through the services of a third-party  
1368 administrator, referrals from the Department of Children and  
1369 Families, and the exchange as defined by the federal Patient  
1370 Protection and Affordable Care Act. When an enrollee disenrolls,  
1371 the corporation must provide him or her with information about  
1372 other affordable insurance programs and electronically refer the  
1373 enrollee to the exchange or other programs, as appropriate. The  
1374 earliest coverage effective date under the program shall be  
1375 January 1, 2015.

1376 (4) DELIVERY OF SERVICES.—The corporation shall contract  
1377 with authorized insurers licensed under chapter 627; managed  
1378 care organizations authorized under chapter 641; and provider

1379 service networks authorized under ss. 409.912(4)(d) and  
1380 409.962(13) which are prepaid plans. These insurers, managed  
1381 care organizations, and provider service networks must meet  
1382 standards established by the corporation to provide  
1383 comprehensive health care services to enrollees who qualify for  
1384 services under this section. The corporation may contract for  
1385 such services on a statewide or regional basis. To encourage  
1386 continuity of care among enrollees who transition across  
1387 multiple affordable insurance programs, the corporation is  
1388 encouraged to contract with those insurers and managed care  
1389 organizations that participate in more than one such program.

1390 (a) The corporation shall establish access and network  
1391 standards for such contracts and ensure that contracted  
1392 providers have sufficient providers to meet enrollee needs.  
1393 Quality standards shall be developed by the corporation,  
1394 specific to the adult population, which take into consideration  
1395 recommendations from the National Committee on Quality  
1396 Assurance, stakeholders, and other existing performance  
1397 indicators from both public and commercial populations. The  
1398 corporation and its contracted health plans shall develop  
1399 policies that minimize the disruption of enrollee medical homes  
1400 when enrollees transition between affordable insurance plans.

1401 (b) The corporation shall provide an enrollee a choice of  
1402 plans. The corporation may select a plan if no selection has  
1403 been received before the coverage start date. Once enrolled, an  
1404 enrollee has an initial 90-day, free-look period before a lock-

1405 in period of up to 12 months is applied. Exceptions to the lock-  
1406 in period must be offered to an enrollee for reasons based on  
1407 good cause or qualifying events.

1408 (c) The corporation may consider contracts that provide  
1409 family plans that would allow members from multiple state and  
1410 federally funded programs to remain together under the same  
1411 plan.

1412 (d) All contracts must meet the medical loss ratio  
1413 requirements under this part.

1414 (5) BENEFITS.—The corporation shall establish a benefits  
1415 package that is actuarially equivalent to the benchmark benefit  
1416 plan offered under s. 409.815(2), excluding dental, and meets  
1417 the alternative benefits package requirements under s. 1937 of  
1418 the Social Security Act. Benefits must be offered as an  
1419 integrated, single package.

1420 (a) In addition to benchmark benefits, health  
1421 reimbursement accounts or a comparable health savings account  
1422 for each enrollee must be established through the corporation or  
1423 the contracts managed by the corporation. Enrollees must be  
1424 rewarded for healthy behaviors, wellness program adherence, and  
1425 other activities established by the corporation which  
1426 demonstrate compliance with preventive care or disease  
1427 management guidelines. Funds deposited into these accounts may  
1428 be used to pay cost-sharing obligations or to purchase over-the-  
1429 counter health items to the extent allowed under federal law or  
1430 regulation.

1431 (b) Enhanced services may be offered if the cost of such  
1432 additional services provides savings to the overall plan.

1433 (c) The corporation shall establish a process for the  
1434 payment of wrap-around services not covered by the benchmark  
1435 benefit plan through a separate subcapitation process to its  
1436 contracted providers if it is determined that such services are  
1437 required by federal law. Such services would be covered if  
1438 deemed medically necessary on an individual basis. The  
1439 subcapitation pool is subject to a separate reconciliation  
1440 process under the medical loss ratio provisions in this part.

1441 (d) A prior authorization process and other utilization  
1442 controls may be established by the plan for any benefit if  
1443 approved by the corporation.

1444 (6) COST SHARING.—The corporation may collect premiums and  
1445 copayments from enrollees in accordance with federal law.  
1446 Amounts to be collected for Healthy Florida must be established  
1447 annually in the General Appropriations Act.

1448 (a) Payment of a monthly premium may be required before  
1449 the establishment of an enrollee's coverage start date and to  
1450 retain monthly coverage.

1451 (b) An enrollee who has a family income above the federal  
1452 poverty level may be required to make nominal copayments, in  
1453 accordance with federal rule, as a condition of receiving a  
1454 health care service.

1455 (c) A provider is responsible for the collection of point-  
1456 of-service cost-sharing obligations. The enrollee's cost-sharing



1457 contribution is considered part of the provider's total  
1458 reimbursement. Failure to collect an enrollee's cost sharing  
1459 reduces the provider's share of the reimbursement.

1460 (7) PROGRAM MANAGEMENT.—The corporation is responsible for  
1461 the oversight of Healthy Florida. The agency shall seek a state  
1462 plan amendment or other appropriate federal approval to  
1463 implement Healthy Florida. The agency shall consult with the  
1464 corporation in the amendment's development and, by June 14,  
1465 2014, submit the state plan amendment to the federal Department  
1466 of Health and Human Services. The agency shall contract with the  
1467 corporation for the administration of Healthy Florida and for  
1468 the timely release of federal and state funds. The agency  
1469 retains its authority as provided in ss. 409.902 and 409.963.

1470 (a) The corporation shall establish a grievance resolution  
1471 process in which Healthy Florida enrollees are informed of their  
1472 rights under the Medicaid fair hearing process, as appropriate,  
1473 or any alternative resolution process adopted by the  
1474 corporation.

1475 (b) The corporation shall establish a program integrity  
1476 process to ensure compliance with program guidelines. At a  
1477 minimum, the corporation shall withhold benefits from an  
1478 applicant or enrollee if the corporation obtains evidence that  
1479 the applicant or enrollee is no longer eligible, submitted  
1480 incorrect or fraudulent information in order to establish  
1481 eligibility, or failed to provide verification of eligibility.  
1482 The corporation shall notify the applicant or enrollee that,

1483 because of such evidence, program benefits must be withheld  
1484 unless the applicant or enrollee contacts a designated  
1485 representative of the corporation by a specified date, which  
1486 must be within 10 working days after the date of notice, to  
1487 discuss and resolve the matter. The corporation shall make every  
1488 effort to resolve the matter within a timeframe that does not  
1489 cause benefits to be withheld from an eligible enrollee. The  
1490 following individuals may be subject to specific prosecution in  
1491 accordance with s. 414.39:

1492 1. An applicant who obtains or attempts to obtain benefits  
1493 for a potential enrollee under Healthy Florida when the  
1494 applicant knows or should have known that the potential enrollee  
1495 does not qualify for Healthy Florida.

1496 2. An individual who assists an applicant in obtaining or  
1497 attempting to obtain benefits for a potential enrollee under  
1498 Healthy Florida when the individual knows or should have known  
1499 that the potential enrollee does not qualify for Healthy  
1500 Florida.

1501 (8) APPLICABILITY OF LAWS RELATING TO MEDICAID.—Sections  
1502 409.902, 409.9128, and 409.920 apply to the administration of  
1503 Healthy Florida.

1504 (9) PROGRAM EVALUATION.—The corporation shall collect both  
1505 eligibility and enrollment data from program applicants and  
1506 enrollees as well as encounter and utilization data from all  
1507 contracted entities during the program term. The corporation  
1508 shall submit monthly enrollment reports to the President of the

1509 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
1510 Minority Leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives.  
1511 The corporation shall submit an interim independent evaluation  
1512 of Healthy Florida to the presiding officers by July 1, 2016,  
1513 with annual evaluations due July 1 thereafter. The evaluations  
1514 must address, at a minimum, application and enrollment trends  
1515 and issues, utilization and cost data, and customer  
1516 satisfaction.

1517 (10) PROGRAM EXPIRATION.—The Healthy Florida program  
1518 expires at the end of the state fiscal year in which any of  
1519 these conditions occur:

1520 (a) The federal match contribution falls below 90 percent.

1521 (b) The federal match contribution falls below the  
1522 increased federal medical assistance percentages for medical  
1523 assistance for newly eligible mandatory individuals as specified  
1524 in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

1525 (c) The federal match for the Healthy Florida program and  
1526 the Medicaid program are blended under federal law or regulation  
1527 in a way that causes the overall federal contribution to  
1528 diminish when compared to separate, nonblended federal  
1529 contributions.

1530 Section 16. The Florida Healthy Kids Corporation may make  
1531 such changes as are necessary to comply with the objections of  
1532 the federal Department of Health and Human Services in order to  
1533 gain approval of the Healthy Florida program in compliance with  
1534 the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L.

1535 No. 111-148, as amended by the federal Health Care and Education  
 1536 Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152, upon giving  
 1537 notice to the Senate and the House of Representatives of the  
 1538 proposed changes. If there is a conflict between this section  
 1539 and the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the  
 1540 provision must be interpreted and applied so as to comply with  
 1541 federal law.

1542 Section 17. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section  
 1543 154.503, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1544 154.503 Primary Care for Children and Families Challenge  
 1545 Grant Program; creation; administration.—

1546 (2) The department shall:

1547 (e) Coordinate with the primary care program developed  
 1548 pursuant to s. 154.011, the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation  
 1549 program created in s. 409.8125 ~~s. 624.91~~, the school health  
 1550 services program created in ss. 381.0056 and 381.0057, and the  
 1551 volunteer health care provider program developed pursuant to s.  
 1552 766.1115.

1553 Section 18. Paragraph (d) of subsection (14) of section  
 1554 408.910, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1555 408.910 Florida Health Choices Program.—

1556 (14) EXEMPTION FROM PUBLIC RECORDS REQUIREMENTS.—

1557 (d) *Authorized release.*—

1558 1. Upon request, information made confidential and exempt  
 1559 pursuant to this subsection shall be disclosed to:

1560 a. Another governmental entity in the performance of its

1561 official duties and responsibilities.

1562 b. Any person who has the written consent of the program  
1563 applicant.

1564 c. The Florida Kidcare program for the purpose of  
1565 administering the program authorized under part II of chapter  
1566 409 ~~in ss. 409.810-409.821.~~

1567 2. Paragraph (b) does not prohibit a participant's legal  
1568 guardian from obtaining confirmation of coverage, dates of  
1569 coverage, the name of the participant's health plan, and the  
1570 amount of premium being paid.

1571 Section 19. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section  
1572 408.915, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

1573 408.915 Eligibility pilot project.—The Agency for Health  
1574 Care Administration, in consultation with the steering committee  
1575 established in s. 408.916, shall develop and implement a pilot  
1576 project to integrate the determination of eligibility for health  
1577 care services with information and referral services.

1578 (4) The pilot project shall include eligibility  
1579 determinations for the following programs:

1580 (c) ~~Florida~~ Healthy Kids as described in s. 409.8125 ~~s.~~  
1581 ~~624.91~~ and within eligibility guidelines provided in s. 409.814.

1582 Section 20. Section 624.915, Florida Statutes, is  
1583 repealed.

1584 Section 21. Section 627.6474, Florida Statutes, is amended  
1585 to read:

1586 627.6474 Provider contracts.—

1587           (1) A health insurer may ~~shall~~ not require a contracted  
 1588 health care practitioner as defined in s. 456.001~~(4)~~ to accept  
 1589 the terms of other health care practitioner contracts with the  
 1590 insurer or any other insurer, or health maintenance  
 1591 organization, under common management and control with the  
 1592 insurer, including Medicare and Medicaid practitioner contracts  
 1593 and those authorized by s. 627.6471, s. 627.6472, s. 636.035, or  
 1594 s. 641.315, except for a practitioner in a group practice as  
 1595 defined in s. 456.053 who must accept the terms of a contract  
 1596 negotiated for the practitioner by the group, as a condition of  
 1597 continuation or renewal of the contract. A ~~Any~~ contract  
 1598 provision that violates this section is void. A violation of  
 1599 this subsection ~~section~~ is not subject to the criminal penalty  
 1600 specified in s. 624.15.

1601           (2) A contract between a health insurer and a dentist  
 1602 licensed under chapter 466 for the provision of services to an  
 1603 insured may not:

1604           (a) Contain a provision that requires the dentist to  
 1605 provide services to the insured under such contract at a fee set  
 1606 by the health insurer unless such services are covered services  
 1607 under the applicable contract. Covered services are those  
 1608 services that are listed as a benefit that the insured is  
 1609 entitled to receive under the contract. An insurer may not  
 1610 provide merely de minimis reimbursement or coverage in order to  
 1611 avoid the requirements of this subsection. Fees for covered  
 1612 services shall be set in good faith and may not be nominal.

1613 (b) Require as a condition of the contract that the  
 1614 dentist participate in a discount medical plan under part II of  
 1615 chapter 636.

1616 Section 22. Subsection (13) is added to section 636.035,  
 1617 Florida Statutes, to read:

1618 636.035 Provider arrangements.—

1619 (13) A contract between a prepaid limited health service  
 1620 organization and a dentist licensed under chapter 466 for the  
 1621 provision of services to a subscriber of the prepaid limited  
 1622 health service organization may not:

1623 (a) Contain a provision that requires the dentist to  
 1624 provide services to the subscriber of the prepaid limited health  
 1625 service organization at a fee set by the prepaid limited health  
 1626 service organization unless such services are covered services  
 1627 under the applicable contract. Covered services are those  
 1628 services that are listed as a benefit that the subscriber is  
 1629 entitled to receive under the contract. A prepaid limited health  
 1630 service organization may not provide merely de minimis  
 1631 reimbursement or coverage in order to avoid the requirements of  
 1632 this subsection. Fees for covered services shall be set in good  
 1633 faith and may not be nominal.

1634 (b) Require as a condition of the contract that the  
 1635 dentist participate in a discount medical plan under part II of  
 1636 this chapter.

1637 Section 23. Subsection (11) is added to section 641.315,  
 1638 Florida Statutes, to read:

1639 641.315 Provider contracts.—

1640 (11) A contract between a health maintenance organization  
 1641 and a dentist licensed under chapter 466 for the provision of  
 1642 services to a subscriber of the health maintenance organization  
 1643 may not:

1644 (a) Contain a provision that requires the dentist to  
 1645 provide services to the subscriber of the health maintenance  
 1646 organization at a fee set by the health maintenance organization  
 1647 unless such services are covered services under the applicable  
 1648 contract. Covered services are those services that are listed as  
 1649 a benefit that the subscriber is entitled to receive under the  
 1650 contract. A health maintenance organization may not provide  
 1651 merely de minimis reimbursement or coverage in order to avoid  
 1652 the requirements of this subsection. Fees for covered services  
 1653 shall be set in good faith and may not be nominal.

1654 (b) Require as a condition of the contract that the  
 1655 dentist participate in a discount medical plan under part II of  
 1656 chapter 636.

1657 Section 24. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section  
 1658 766.1115, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (h) is  
 1659 added to subsection (4) of that section, to read:

1660 766.1115 Health care providers; creation of agency  
 1661 relationship with governmental contractors.—

1662 (3) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

1663 (a) "Contract" means an agreement executed in compliance  
 1664 with this section between a health care provider and a



1665 governmental contractor which allows. ~~This contract shall allow~~  
 1666 the health care provider to deliver health care services to low-  
 1667 income recipients as an agent of the governmental contractor.  
 1668 The contract must be for volunteer, uncompensated services. For  
 1669 services to qualify as volunteer, uncompensated services under  
 1670 this section, the health care provider may not ~~must~~ receive ~~no~~  
 1671 compensation from the governmental contractor for ~~any~~ services  
 1672 provided under the contract and may ~~must~~ not bill or accept  
 1673 compensation from the recipient, or a ~~any~~ public or private  
 1674 third-party payor, for the specific services provided to the  
 1675 low-income recipients covered by the contract.

1676 (4) CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS.—A health care provider that  
 1677 executes a contract with a governmental contractor to deliver  
 1678 health care services on or after April 17, 1992, as an agent of  
 1679 the governmental contractor is an agent for purposes of s.  
 1680 768.28(9), while acting within the scope of duties under the  
 1681 contract, if the contract complies with the requirements of this  
 1682 section and regardless of whether the individual treated is  
 1683 later found to be ineligible. A health care provider under  
 1684 contract with the state may not be named as a defendant in any  
 1685 action arising out of medical care or treatment provided on or  
 1686 after April 17, 1992, under contracts entered into under this  
 1687 section. The contract must provide that:

1688 (h) As an agent of the governmental contractor for  
 1689 purposes of s. 768.28(9), while acting within the scope of  
 1690 duties under the contract, a health care provider licensed under

1691 chapter 466 may allow a patient or a parent or guardian of the  
1692 patient to voluntarily contribute a fee to cover costs of dental  
1693 laboratory work related to the services provided to the patient.  
1694 This contribution may not exceed the actual cost of the dental  
1695 laboratory charges and is deemed in compliance with this  
1696 section.

1697  
1698 A governmental contractor that is also a health care provider is  
1699 not required to enter into a contract under this section with  
1700 respect to the health care services delivered by its employees.

1701 Section 25. The amendments to ss. 627.6474, 636.035, and  
1702 641.315, Florida Statutes, apply to contracts entered into or  
1703 renewed on or after July 1, 2014.

1704 Section 26. (1) The sum of \$1,258,054,808 from the  
1705 Medical Care Trust Fund is appropriated to the Agency for Health  
1706 Care Administration beginning in the 2014-2015 fiscal year to  
1707 provide coverage for individuals who enroll in the Healthy  
1708 Florida program.

1709 (2) The sum of \$254,151 from the General Revenue Fund and  
1710 \$18,235,833 from the Medical Care Trust Fund is appropriated to  
1711 the Agency for Health Care Administration beginning in the 2014-  
1712 2015 fiscal year to comply with federal regulations to  
1713 compensate insurers and managed care organizations that contract  
1714 with the Healthy Florida program for the imposition of the  
1715 annual fee on health insurance providers under s. 9010 of the  
1716 federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Pub. L. No.

1717 111-148, as amended by the federal Health Care and Education  
1718 Reconciliation Act of 2010, Pub. L. No. 111-152.

1719 (3) The sum of \$10,676,377 from the General Revenue Fund  
1720 and \$10,676,377 from the Medical Care Trust Fund is appropriated  
1721 beginning in the 2014-2015 fiscal year to the Agency for Health  
1722 Care Administration to contract with the Florida Healthy Kids  
1723 Corporation under s. 409.818(2)(f), Florida Statutes, to fund  
1724 the administrative costs of implementing and operating the  
1725 Healthy Florida program.

1726 (4) The Agency for Health Care Administration may submit  
1727 budget amendments to the Legislative Budget Commission pursuant  
1728 to chapter 216, Florida Statutes, during the 2014-2015 fiscal  
1729 year to fund the Healthy Florida program for the coverage of  
1730 children who transfer from the Florida Kidcare program to the  
1731 Healthy Florida program, or to provide additional spending  
1732 authority from the Medical Care Trust Fund under subsection (1)  
1733 for the coverage of individuals who enroll in the Healthy  
1734 Florida program.

1735 Section 27. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
1736 law.