

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to Medicaid enrollment for permanently
 3 disabled individuals; amending s. 409.902, F.S.;
 4 requiring the Agency for Health Care Administration to
 5 seek federal approval to require the system for
 6 eligibility determination for Medicaid and the
 7 Children's Health Insurance Program to include a
 8 process that enables automatic and continuous
 9 enrollment for 5 years in Medicaid of Medicaid-
 10 qualified individuals who are permanently disabled;
 11 defining the term "permanently disabled"; requiring
 12 the Department of Children and Families to collaborate
 13 with the Agency for Health Care Administration and the
 14 Agency for Persons with Disabilities to adopt
 15 guidelines and procedures for determining permanent
 16 disabilities; providing an effective date.

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

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 20 **Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (5) of section**
 21 **409.902, Florida Statutes, is amended, and subsection (3) of**
 22 **that section is republished, to read:**

23 409.902 Designated single state agency; payment
 24 requirements; program title; release of medical records.—

25 (3) To the extent that funds are appropriated, the

26 department shall collaborate with the Agency for Health Care
27 Administration to develop an Internet-based system that is
28 modular, interoperable, and scalable for eligibility
29 determination for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance
30 Program (CHIP) that complies with all applicable federal and
31 state laws and requirements.

32 (5) The system shall include, but is not limited to, the
33 following business and functional requirements:

34 (b) Include a process that enables automatic enrollment of
35 qualified individuals in Medicaid, the Children's Health
36 Insurance Program, or any other state or federal exchange that
37 offers cost-sharing benefits for the purchase of health
38 insurance. By January 1, 2026, the Agency for Health Care
39 Administration shall seek federal approval to require the system
40 to also include a process that enables automatic and continuous
41 enrollment for 5 years in Medicaid of qualified individuals who
42 are permanently disabled, without these individuals having to
43 meet the annual redetermination requirement.

44 1. As used in this paragraph, the term "permanently
45 disabled" means that, throughout his or her life, the
46 individual:

47 a. Has a physical or intellectual impairment that
48 substantially limits one or more major life activities;

49 b. Has a history or record of an impairment described in
50 sub-subparagraph a.; or

51 c. Is perceived by others as having an impairment
52 described in sub-subparagraph a.

53 2. The department shall collaborate with the Agency for
54 Health Care Administration and the Agency for Persons with
55 Disabilities to adopt guidelines and procedures for determining
56 whether an individual has a permanent disability.

57 **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.