

Florida KidCare-related bills enacted during the 2009 Legislative Session

CS/CS/SB 918 (enrolled)—Florida KidCare Simplification
Directs marketing of the program as “Florida KidCare”
Reduces nonpayment reinstatement penalty from not fewer than 60 days to 30 days
Allows applications to be reactivated instead of resubmitted
Mandates electronic verification to determine financial eligibility. Specifies that written documentation, which may include wages and earning statements or paystubs, W-2 forms, or copy of most recent federal income tax return shall be required only if electronic verification is not available or does not substantiate applicant’s income
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Allows an otherwise eligible child to qualify for subsidy without a waiting period if cost of health insurance is more than 5% of family income ▪ Reduces from 6 months to 60 days the waiting period for Florida KidCare coverage if employer-sponsored coverage was dropped
<p>Codifies good cause reasons for voluntary cancellation of coverage and removes the 60 day wait for eligibility for premium assisted (subsidized) Florida KidCare coverage:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ cost of participation in the employer-sponsored plan is greater than 5% of family income; ▪ parent lost a job that provided employer-sponsored health benefits for children; ▪ parent who had the health benefits coverage is deceased; ▪ child has a medical condition that, without medical care, would cause serious disability, loss of function, or death; ▪ the parent’s employer canceled health benefits coverage for children; ▪ child’s health benefits coverage ended because the children reached the maximum lifetime coverage amount; ▪ child exhausted coverage under a COBRA continuation provision; ▪ the health benefits coverage does not cover the child’s health care needs; or ▪ domestic violence led to loss of coverage.
Requires T21-funded children with special health care needs to be assigned to and may opt out of the CMS Network
Allows enrollees 10 working days after the date of notice of adverse action to request continuation of benefits during the dispute resolution process.
<p>Amends s. 624.91, F.S. (Florida Healthy Kids Corporation):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clarifies FHKC authorization to collect voluntary contributions for payment of Florida KidCare premiums for children ineligible for T19 or T21 assistance ▪ Reduces nonpayment reinstatement penalty from not fewer than 60 days to 30 days ▪ In consultation with the partner agencies, directs FHKC to provide an annual report on the Florida KidCare program ▪ Requires FHKC to submit a report to the Legislature and Governor on impact of full pay program by February 1, 2010 ▪ Increases FHKC board membership by adding the Secretary of DCF or designee
Effective date of July 1, 2009
HB 807 – Florida KidCare Outreach Study
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Requires OPAGGA to perform a study of the effectiveness of the outreach efforts of the Florida KidCare program for uninsured children and include options for correcting deficiencies ▪ Report due to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives by January 1, 2010

HB 185– Access to Health Care

- Expands Florida Healthy Kids Corporation board of directors to include a member appointed by the Governor to be nominated by the Florida Dental Association

Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act – CHIPRA (federal)

- Requires 30 day grace period before cancellation for non-payment
- Mental health parity effective 10/1/09
- Applies Medicaid Prospective Payment System for reimbursement of federally qualified health centers and rural health centers effective 10/1/09
- Requires documentation of citizenship and identity for T21 effective 1/1/10