

CHAPTER 98-157

Senate Bill No. 1762

An act relating to eligibility for the WAGES Program (RAB); amending s. 414.095, F.S.; specifying beginning dates for benefits under the program and Medicaid coverage for a program participant; specifying that the payee of temporary cash assistance may be the caretaker with whom a minor child resides; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 414.095, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (j) is added to subsection (15) of that section, to read:

414.095 Determining eligibility for the WAGES Program.—

(9) APPLICATIONS.—The date of application is the date the department or authorized entity receives a signed and dated request to participate in the WAGES Program. The request shall be denied 30 days after the initial application if the applicant fails to respond to scheduled appointments, including appointments with the state agency responsible for administering the child support enforcement program, and does not contact the department or authorized entity regarding the application.

(a) The beginning date of eligibility for temporary cash assistance is the date on which the application is approved or 30 days after the date of application, whichever is earlier.

(b) The add date for a newborn child is the date of the child's birth.

(c) The add date for all other individuals is the date on which the client contacts the department to request that the individual be included in the grant for temporary cash assistance.

(d) Medicaid coverage for a recipient of temporary cash assistance begins on the first day of the first month of eligibility for temporary cash assistance, and such coverage shall include any eligibility required by federal law which is prior to the month of application.

(15) PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.—

(j) The payee of the temporary cash assistance payment is the caretaker relative with whom a minor child resides and who assumes primary responsibility for the child's daily supervision, care, and control, except in cases where a protective payee is established.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Became a law without the Governor's approval May 22, 1998.

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