

Senate Bill No. 28-A

An act relating to the Florida KidCare program; amending s. 409.814, F.S.; revising requirements for documenting family income for purposes of determining a child's eligibility for the program; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (8) of section 409.814, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

409.814 Eligibility.—A child who has not reached 19 years of age whose family income is equal to or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level is eligible for the Florida KidCare program as provided in this section. For enrollment in the Children's Medical Services Network, a complete application includes the medical or behavioral health screening. If, subsequently, an individual is determined to be ineligible for coverage, he or she must immediately be disenrolled from the respective Florida KidCare program component.

(8) In determining the eligibility of a child, an assets test is not required. Each applicant shall provide written documentation during the application process and the redetermination process, including, but not limited to, the following:

(a) Proof of family income, which must include a copy supported by copies of the applicant's most recent any federal income tax return. In the absence of a federal income tax return, an applicant may submit for the prior year, any wages and earnings statements (pay stubs), (W-2 forms), or and any other appropriate documents document.

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

Approved by the Governor December 21, 2004.

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