

House Bill No. 151

An act relating to the Access to Health Care Act; amending s. 766.1115, F.S.; revising a definition of low-income person to expand a poverty level family income criterion; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section 766.1115, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

(e) “Low-income” means:

1. A person who is Medicaid-eligible under Florida law;
2. A person who is without health insurance and whose family income does not exceed 200 ~~150~~ percent of the federal poverty level as defined annually by the federal Office of Management and Budget; or
3. Any client of the department who voluntarily chooses to participate in a program offered or approved by the department and meets the program eligibility guidelines of the department.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

Approved by the Governor June 1, 2005.

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