

CHAPTER 2020-12

Senate Bill No. 348

An act relating to the Florida Kidcare program; amending s. 409.815, F.S.; removing the lifetime maximum cap on covered expenses for a child enrolled in the Florida Healthy Kids program; conforming a cross-reference; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (r) and present paragraph (u) of subsection (2) of section 409.815, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

409.815 Health benefits coverage; limitations.—

(2) BENCHMARK BENEFITS.—In order for health benefits coverage to qualify for premium assistance payments for an eligible child under ss. 409.810-409.821, the health benefits coverage, except for coverage under Medicaid and Medikids, must include the following minimum benefits, as medically necessary.

~~(r) *Lifetime maximum.*—Health benefits coverage obtained under ss. 409.810-409.820 shall pay an enrollee's covered expenses at a lifetime maximum of \$1 million per covered child.~~

~~(t)(u) *Enhancements to minimum requirements.*—~~

1. This section sets the minimum benefits that must be included in any health benefits coverage, other than Medicaid or Medikids coverage, offered under ss. 409.810-409.821. Health benefits coverage may include additional benefits not included under this subsection, but may not include benefits excluded under paragraph (r) ~~(s)~~.

2. Health benefits coverage may extend any limitations beyond the minimum benefits described in this section.

Except for the Children's Medical Services Network, the agency may not increase the premium assistance payment for either additional benefits provided beyond the minimum benefits described in this section or the imposition of less restrictive service limitations.

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

Approved by the Governor April 8, 2020.

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