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The Conference Committee Amendment for HB 5301, relating to Medicaid Services:

- Revises the method by which the Agency for Health Care Administration (agency) shall assess fees used for nursing home Medicaid underpayments and overpayments.
- Modifies the nursing home staffing requirements to allow for a combined direct care staffing requirement of 3.9 hours per resident per day.
- Extends the sunset date for the Medicaid Aged and Disabled (Meds-AD) and Medically Needy programs to June 30, 2011.
- Authorizes the agency to enroll Medicare cross-over providers for payment and claims purposes only.
- Clarifies the use of the quality assessment on nursing home facilities and authorizes the use of quality assessments to restore rate reductions as specified in the General Appropriations Act.
- Clarifies the use of the quality assessment on privately operated intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled and authorizes the use of quality assessments to restore rate reductions as specified in the General Appropriations Act.
- Revises the years of audited data used in determining Medicaid and charity care days for each hospital in the Disproportionate Share program from 2003, 2004, and 2005 to 2004, 2005, and 2006; to change the fiscal year that the audited data is used to distribute funding through the Disproportionate Share program from Fiscal Year 2009-2010 to Fiscal Year 2010-2011; and provides the formula for the distribution of disproportionate share dollars to provider service network hospitals.
- Continues the prohibition of the distribution of funds through the Regional Prenatal Intensive Care Disproportionate Share program in Fiscal Year 2010-2011.
- Authorizes disproportionate share payments to statutorily defined teaching hospitals and family practice teaching hospitals in Fiscal Year 2010-2011; and allows the distribution of funds for statutorily defined teaching hospitals to be distributed as provided in the General Appropriations Act.
- Continues the prohibition of the distribution of funds through the Primary Care Disproportionate Share program in Fiscal Year 2010-2011.
- Authorizes the agency in consultation with the Department of Elder Affairs to accept and forward an application for the expansion of Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) services to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a site to provide comprehensive services including hospice and palliative care services to frail and elderly persons residing in Polk, Highlands, Hardee, and Hillsborough counties.
- Authorizes the agency in consultation with the Department of Elder Affairs to accept and forward an application for the expansion of Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) services to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a site to provide comprehensive services to frail and elderly persons residing in Southwest Miami-Dade.

- Authorizes the agency to develop and implement a program to reduce the number of hospital readmissions among the non-Medicare population eligible in agency areas 9, 10, and 11.
- The amendment has an effective date of July 1, 2010.