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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Medicaid waiver program for  
 3           patients who have Alzheimer's disease; amending s.  
 4           430.502, F.S.; extending the authority to continue the  
 5           waiver program; requiring the Office of Program Policy  
 6           Analysis and Government Accountability to conduct a  
 7           comparative study of Medicaid home and community-based  
 8           services waiver programs; requiring that the findings and  
 9           recommendations be submitted to the Legislature by a  
 10          specified date; providing an effective date.

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

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 14           Section 1. Subsection (9) of section 430.502, Florida  
 15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16           430.502 Alzheimer's disease; memory disorder clinics and  
 17 day care and respite care programs.--

18           (9) Authority to continue the waiver program specified in  
 19 subsection (7) shall be automatically eliminated at the close of  
 20 the 2010 ~~2008~~ Regular Session of the Legislature unless further  
 21 legislative action is taken to continue it prior to such time.

22           Section 2. The Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
 23 Government Accountability shall conduct an evaluation of  
 24 comparable Medicaid home and community-based services waiver  
 25 programs. The office shall consult with the Agency for Health  
 26 Care Administration, the Department of Elderly Affairs,  
 27 appropriate substantive and appropriations committees of the  
 28 Senate and the House of Representatives, and other subject

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29 matter experts to determine which waiver programs should be  
 30 included in the evaluation in order to make reasonable  
 31 comparisons. The evaluation shall assess whether the waiver  
 32 programs are more effective at delaying or preventing  
 33 participants from entering institutional settings and the cost  
 34 of the waiver programs across groups compared to the regular  
 35 Medicaid program. The evaluation shall also assess whether  
 36 specialty home and community-based services waiver programs are  
 37 more effective at keeping participants out of institutional  
 38 settings than the broader home and community-based services  
 39 waiver programs and whether there is a difference in Medicaid  
 40 expenditures per participant on average between specialty and  
 41 broad waiver programs. The evaluation shall provide a review of  
 42 the flexibility provided to states by the federal Deficit  
 43 Reduction Act of 2005 in regard to home and community-based  
 44 services and recommend whether this flexibility should be used  
 45 instead of providing these services under the provisions of  
 46 current Medicaid home and community-based services waivers. The  
 47 evaluation's findings and recommendations shall be submitted to  
 48 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
 49 Representatives by February 1, 2010.

50 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.