

HB 736 -- Medical Assistance

Sponsor: Bringer

This bill provides a mechanism for persons who lose their eligibility for Missouri Medicaid Program benefits on July 1, 2005, to be automatically enrolled in the Senior Rx Program. The bill:

- (1) Requires the Department of Social Services, by August 1, 2005, to provide a list of all individuals 65 years of age or older who lost their Medicaid benefits to the Department of Health and Senior Services;
- (2) Allows recipients to receive a credit toward their deductible for expenses paid for prescription drugs purchased between July 1, 2005, and the date the department was notified of a person's ineligibility for Medicaid benefits;
- (3) Specifies that the Department of Health and Senior Services has 15 days to notify an individual about their benefits and automatic enrollment into the Senior Rx Program; and
- (4) Allows an individual to opt out of the program by either notifying the department in writing or declining to pay the enrollment fee.

The bill contains an emergency clause.