

HB 1491 -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

This bill requires the Family Support Division within the Department of Social Services to determine whether an individual who is applying for Missouri Medicaid Program benefits is eligible for federal medical services from the Missouri Veterans Commission. If an applicant or recipient is eligible for the federal medical services, the division must urge the person to utilize these benefits. The division will consult with the commission regarding a method that can be used to determine whether an individual who receives state medical assistance is eligible for the federal benefits. The bill does not require an individual to exhaust any federal veterans' benefits prior to receiving state medical assistance.