HOUSE _____ AMENDMENT NO.___

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AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill Nos. 842, 799 & 809, Section A, Page 1, Line 2, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

"148.340. 1. Every insurance company or association not organized under the laws of this state, shall, as provided in section 148.350, quarterly pay tax upon the direct premiums received, whether in cash or in notes, in this state or on account of business done in this state, for insurance of life, property or interest in this state at the rate of two percent per annum in lieu of all other taxes, except as in sections 148.310 to 148.461 otherwise provided, which amount of taxes shall be assessed and collected as herein provided; provided, that fire and casualty insurance companies or associations shall be credited with canceled or return premiums actually paid during the year in this state, and that life insurance companies shall be credited with dividends actually declared to policyholders in this state, but held by the company and applied to the reduction of premiums payable by the policyholder.

2. Every health maintenance organization under contract with the State of Missouri to provide services to recipients of medical assistance, not organized under the laws of this state, shall quarterly pay tax upon the direct premiums received, with such payment to be on the same terms as the insurance companies and associations described in subsection 1. Such tax shall be in addition to any other tax levied by the State. This subsection shall apply only as long as the revenues generated under this subsection are eligible for federal financial participation and payments. For the purposes of this subsection, "federal financial participation" is the federal government's share of Missouri's expenditures under the Medicaid program. This subsection shall expire June 30, 2012.

148.350. 1. Every such company or association shall, on or before the first day of March in each year, make a return, verified by the affidavit of its president and secretary or other authorized officers, to the director of the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration stating the amount of all premiums received on account of policies issued in this state by such company, whether in cash or in notes, during the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, next preceding. Upon receipt of such returns, the director of the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration shall verify the same and certify the amount of tax due from the various companies on the basis and at the rate provided in section 148.340, and shall certify the same to the director of revenue together with the amount of the quarterly installments to be made as provided in subsection 2 of this section, on or before the thirtieth day of April of each year.

2. Beginning January 1, 1983, the amount of the tax due for that calendar year and each succeeding calendar year thereafter shall be paid in four approximately equal estimated quarterly installments and a fifth reconciling installment. The first four installments shall be based upon the tax assessed for the immediately preceding taxable year ending on the thirty-first day of December, next

preceding. The quarterly installment shall be made on the first day of March, the first day of June, the first day of September, and the first day of December. Immediately after receiving from the director of the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration, certification of the amount of tax due from the various companies, the director of revenue shall notify and assess each company the amount of taxes on its premiums for the calendar year ending on the thirty-first day of December, next preceding. The director of revenue shall also notify and assess each company the amount of the estimated quarterly installments to be made for the calendar year. If the amount of the actual tax due for any year exceeds the total of the installments made for such year, the balance of the tax due shall be paid on the first day of June of the following year, together with the regular quarterly installment due at that time. If the total amount of the tax actually due is less than the total amount of the installments actually paid, the amount by which the amount paid exceeds the amount due shall be credited against the tax for the following year and deducted from the quarterly installment otherwise due on the first day of June. If the March first quarterly installment made by a company is less than the amount assessed by the director of revenue, the difference will be due on June first, but no interest will accrue to the state on the difference unless the amount paid by the company is less than eighty percent of one-fourth of the total amount of tax assessed by the director of revenue for the immediately preceding taxable year. If the estimated quarterly tax installments are not so paid, the director of revenue shall certify such fact to the director of the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration who shall thereafter suspend such delinquent company or companies from the further transaction of business in this state until such taxes shall be paid, and such companies shall be subject to the provisions of sections 148.410 to 148.461.

3. Except as provided in subsection 4, upon receiving such money from the director of revenue, the state treasurer shall receipt one-half thereof into the general revenue fund of the state, and he shall place the remainder of such tax to the credit of a fund to be known as "The County Foreign Insurance Tax Fund", which is hereby created and established. All premium tax credits described in sections 135.500 to 135.529, RSMo, shall only reduce the amount of moneys received by the general revenue fund of this state and shall not reduce any moneys received by the county foreign insurance tax fund.

4. Taxes collected from health maintenance organizations pursuant to 148.340.2 shall be deposited to the credit of the Managed Care Fund, which is hereby created and established in the state treasury.

5. The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and may approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections 30.170 and 30.180, RSMo. The unexpended balance in the Managed Care Fund at the end of the biennium is exempt from the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be credited to the fund.

148.370. 1. Every insurance company or association organized under the laws of the state of Missouri and doing business under the provisions of sections 376.010 to 376.670, 379.205 to 379.310, 379.650 to 379.790 and chapter 381, RSMo, and every mutual fire insurance company organized under the provisions of sections 379.010 to 379.190, RSMo, shall, as hereinafter provided, quarterly pay, beginning with the year 1983, a tax upon the direct premiums received by it from policyholders in this

state, whether in cash or in notes, or on account of business done in this state, in lieu of the taxes imposed under the provisions of chapters 143 and 147, RSMo, for insurance of life, property or interest in this state, at the rate of two percent per annum, which amount of taxes shall be assessed and collected as hereinafter provided; provided, that fire and casualty insurance companies or associations shall be credited with canceled or returned premiums actually paid during the year in this state, and that life insurance companies shall be credited with dividends actually declared to policyholders in this state but held by the company and applied to the reduction of premiums payable by the policyholder.

2. Every health maintenance organization organized under the laws of this State, that is under contract with the State of Missouri to provide services to recipients of medical assistance shall quarterly pay tax upon the direct premiums received, with such payment to be on the same terms as the insurance companies and associations described in subsection 1. Such tax shall be in addition to any other tax levied by the State. This subsection shall apply only as long as the revenues generated under this subsection are eligible for federal financial participation and payments. For the purposes of this subsection, "federal financial participation" is the federal government's share of Missouri's expenditures under the Medicaid program. This subsection shall expire June 30, 2012.

148.380. 1. Every such company, on or before the first day of March in each year, shall make a return verified by the affidavit of its president and secretary, or other chief officers, to the director of the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration, stating the amount of all direct premiums received by it from policyholders in this state, whether in cash or in notes, during the year ending on the thirty-first day of December, next preceding. Upon receipt of such returns the director of the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration shall verify the same and certify the amount of the tax due from the various companies on the basis and* at the rate provided in section 148.370, taking into consideration deductions and credits allowed by law, and shall certify the same to the director of revenue together with the amount of the quarterly installments to be made as provided in subsection 2 of this section, on or before the thirtieth day of April of each year.

2. Beginning January 1, 1983, the amount of the tax due for that calendar year and each succeeding calendar year thereafter shall be paid in four approximately equal estimated quarterly installments, and a fifth reconciling installment. The first four installments shall be based upon the tax for the immediately** preceding taxable year ending on the thirty-first day of December, next preceding. The quarterly installments shall be made on the first day of March, the first day of June, the first day of September and the first day of December. Immediately after receiving certification from the director of the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration of the amount of tax due from the various companies, the director of revenue shall notify and assess each company the amount of taxes on its premiums for the calendar year ending on the thirty-first day of December, next preceding. The director of revenue shall also notify and assess each company the amount of the estimated quarterly installments to be made for the calendar year. If the amount of the actual tax due for any year exceeds the total of the installments made for such year, the balance of the tax due shall be paid on the first day of June of the year following, together with the regular quarterly payment due at that time. If the total amount of the tax actually due is less than the total amount of the installments actually paid, the amount

by which the amount paid exceeds the amount due shall be credited against the tax for the following year and deducted from the quarterly installment otherwise due on the first day of June. If the March first quarterly installment made by a company is less than the amount assessed by the director of revenue, the difference will be due on June first, but no interest will accrue to the state on the difference unless the amount paid by the company is less than eighty percent of one-fourth of the total amount of tax assessed by the director of revenue for the immediately preceding taxable year.

3. If the estimated quarterly tax installments are not so paid, the director of revenue shall notify the director of the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration who shall thereupon suspend such delinquent company from the further transaction of business in this state until such taxes shall be paid, and such companies shall be subject to the provisions of sections 148.410 to 148.461.

4. Except as provided in subsection 5, upon receipt of the money the state treasurer shall receipt one-half thereof into the general revenue fund of the state, and one-half thereof to the credit of the county foreign insurance fund for the purposes set forth in section 148.360.

5. Taxes collected from health maintenance organizations pursuant to 148.370.2 shall be to the credit of the Managed Care Fund, established under 148.350 RSMo.

208.010. 1. In determining the eligibility of a claimant for public assistance pursuant to this law, it shall be the duty of the division of family services to consider and take into account all facts and circumstances surrounding the claimant, including his or her living conditions, earning capacity, income and resources, from whatever source received, and if from all the facts and circumstances the claimant is not found to be in need, assistance shall be denied. In determining the need of a claimant, the costs of providing medical treatment which may be furnished pursuant to sections 208.151 to 208.158 and 208.162 shall be disregarded. The amount of benefits, when added to all other income, resources, support, and maintenance shall provide such persons with reasonable subsistence compatible with decency and health in accordance with the standards developed by the division of family services; provided, when a husband and wife are living together, the combined income and resources of both shall be considered in determining the eligibility of either or both. "Living together" for the purpose of this chapter is defined as including a husband and wife separated for the purpose of obtaining medical care or nursing home care, except that the income of a husband or wife separated for such purpose shall be considered in determining the eligibility of his or her spouse, only to the extent that such income exceeds the amount necessary to meet the needs (as defined by rule or regulation of the division) of such husband or wife living separately. In determining the need of a claimant in federally aided programs there shall be disregarded such amounts per month of earned income in making such determination as shall be required for federal participation by the provisions of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.A. 301 et seq.), or any amendments thereto. When federal law or regulations require the exemption of other income or resources, the division of family services may provide by rule or regulation the amount of income or resources to be disregarded.

2. Benefits shall not be payable to any claimant who:

(1) Has or whose spouse with whom he or she is living has, prior to July 1, 1989, given away or sold a resource within the time and in the manner specified in this subdivision. In determining the

resources of an individual, unless prohibited by federal statutes or regulations, there shall be included (but subject to the exclusions pursuant to subdivisions (4) and (5) of this subsection, and subsection 5 of this section) any resource or interest therein owned by such individual or spouse within the twenty-four months preceding the initial investigation, or at any time during which benefits are being drawn, if such individual or spouse gave away or sold such resource or interest within such period of time at less than fair market value of such resource or interest for the purpose of establishing eligibility for benefits, including but not limited to benefits based on December, 1973, eligibility requirements, as follows:

(a) Any transaction described in this subdivision shall be presumed to have been for the purpose of establishing eligibility for benefits or assistance pursuant to this chapter unless such individual furnishes convincing evidence to establish that the transaction was exclusively for some other purpose;

(b) The resource shall be considered in determining eligibility from the date of the transfer for the number of months the uncompensated value of the disposed of resource is divisible by the average monthly grant paid or average Medicaid payment in the state at the time of the investigation to an individual or on his or her behalf under the program for which benefits are claimed, provided that:

a. When the uncompensated value is twelve thousand dollars or less, the resource shall not be used in determining eligibility for more than twenty-four months; or

b. When the uncompensated value exceeds twelve thousand dollars, the resource shall not be used in determining eligibility for more than sixty months;

(2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply to a transfer, other than a transfer to claimant's spouse, made prior to March 26, 1981, when the claimant furnishes convincing evidence that the uncompensated value of the disposed of resource or any part thereof is no longer possessed or owned by the person to whom the resource was transferred;

(3) Has received, or whose spouse with whom he or she is living has received, benefits to which he or she was not entitled through misrepresentation or nondisclosure of material facts or failure to report any change in status or correct information with respect to property or income as required by section 208.210. A claimant ineligible pursuant to this subsection shall be ineligible for such period of time from the date of discovery as the division of family services may deem proper; or in the case of overpayment of benefits, future benefits may be decreased, suspended or entirely withdrawn for such period of time as the division may deem proper;

(4) Owns or possesses resources in the sum of one thousand dollars or more; provided, however, that if such person is married and living with spouse, he or she, or they, individually or jointly, may own resources not to exceed two thousand dollars; and provided further, that in the case of a temporary assistance for needy families claimant, the provision of this subsection shall not apply;

(5) Prior to October 1, 1989, owns or possesses property of any kind or character, excluding amounts placed in an irrevocable prearranged funeral or burial contract pursuant to subsection 2 of section 436.035, RSMo, and subdivision (5) of subsection 1 of section 436.053, RSMo, or has an interest in property, of which he or she is the record or beneficial owner, the value of such property, as determined by the division of family services, less encumbrances of record, exceeds twenty-nine thousand dollars, or

if married and actually living together with husband or wife, if the value of his or her property, or the value of his or her interest in property, together with that of such husband and wife, exceeds such amount;

(6) In the case of temporary assistance for needy families, if the parent, stepparent, and child or children in the home owns or possesses property of any kind or character, or has an interest in property for which he or she is a record or beneficial owner, the value of such property, as determined by the division of family services and as allowed by federal law or regulation, less encumbrances of record, exceeds one thousand dollars, excluding the home occupied by the claimant, amounts placed in an irrevocable prearranged funeral or burial contract pursuant to subsection 2 of section 436.035, RSMo, and subdivision (5) of subsection 1 of section 436.053, RSMo, one automobile which shall not exceed a value set forth by federal law or regulation and for a period not to exceed six months, such other real property which the family is making a good-faith effort to sell, if the family agrees in writing with the division of family services to sell such property and from the net proceeds of the sale repay the amount of assistance received during such period. If the property has not been sold within six months, or if eligibility terminates for any other reason, the entire amount of assistance paid during such period shall be a debt due the state;

(7) Is an inmate of a public institution, except as a patient in a public medical institution.

3. In determining eligibility and the amount of benefits to be granted pursuant to federally aided programs, the income and resources of a relative or other person living in the home shall be taken into account to the extent the income, resources, support and maintenance are allowed by federal law or regulation to be considered.

4. In determining eligibility and the amount of benefits to be granted pursuant to federally aided programs, the value of burial lots or any amounts placed in an irrevocable prearranged funeral or burial contract pursuant to subsection 2 of section 436.035, RSMo, and subdivision (5) of subsection 1 of section 436.053, RSMo, shall not be taken into account or considered an asset of the burial lot owner or the beneficiary of an irrevocable prearranged funeral or funeral contract. For purposes of this section, "burial lots" means any burial space as defined in section 214.270, RSMo, and any memorial, monument, marker, tombstone or letter marking a burial space. If the beneficiary, as defined in chapter 436, RSMo, of an irrevocable prearranged funeral or burial contract receives any public assistance benefits pursuant to this chapter and if the purchaser of such contract or his or her successors in interest cancel or amend the contract so that any person will be entitled to a refund, such refund shall be paid to the state of Missouri up to the amount of public assistance benefits provided pursuant to this chapter with any remainder to be paid to those persons designated in chapter 436, RSMo.

5. In determining the total property owned pursuant to subdivision (5) of subsection 2 of this section, or resources, of any person claiming or for whom public assistance is claimed, there shall be disregarded any life insurance policy, or prearranged funeral or burial contract, or any two or more policies or contracts, or any combination of policies and contracts, which provides for the payment of one thousand five hundred dollars or less upon the death of any of the following:

(1) A claimant or person for whom benefits are claimed; or

(2) The spouse of a claimant or person for whom benefits are claimed with whom he or she is living. If the value of such policies exceeds one thousand five hundred dollars, then the total value of such policies may be considered in determining resources; except that, in the case of temporary assistance for needy families, there shall be disregarded any prearranged funeral or burial contract, or any two or more contracts, which provides for the payment of one thousand five hundred dollars or less per family member.

6. Beginning September 30, 1989, when determining the eligibility of institutionalized spouses, as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-5, for medical assistance benefits as provided for in section 208.151 and 42 U.S.C. Sections 1396a et seq., the division of family services shall comply with the provisions of the federal statutes and regulations. As necessary, the division shall by rule or regulation implement the federal law and regulations which shall include but not be limited to the establishment of income and resource standards and limitations. The division shall require:

(1) That at the beginning of a period of continuous institutionalization that is expected to last for thirty days or more, the institutionalized spouse, or the community spouse, may request an assessment by the division of family services of total countable resources owned by either or both spouses;

(2) That the assessed resources of the institutionalized spouse and the community spouse may be allocated so that each receives an equal share;

(3) That upon an initial eligibility determination, if the community spouse's share does not equal at least twelve thousand dollars, the institutionalized spouse may transfer to the community spouse a resource allowance to increase the community spouse's share to twelve thousand dollars;

(4) That in the determination of initial eligibility of the institutionalized spouse, no resources attributed to the community spouse shall be used in determining the eligibility of the institutionalized spouse, except to the extent that the resources attributed to the community spouse do exceed the community spouse's resource allowance as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-5;

(5) That beginning in January, 1990, the amount specified in subdivision (3) of this subsection shall be increased by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers between September, 1988, and the September before the calendar year involved; and

(6) That beginning the month after initial eligibility for the institutionalized spouse is determined, the resources of the community spouse shall not be considered available to the institutionalized spouse during that continuous period of institutionalization.

7. Beginning July 1, 1989, institutionalized individuals shall be ineligible for the periods required and for the reasons specified in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396p.

8. The hearings required by 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-5 shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of section 208.080.

9. Beginning October 1, 1989, when determining eligibility for assistance pursuant to this chapter there shall be disregarded unless otherwise provided by federal or state statutes, the home of the applicant or recipient when the home is providing shelter to the applicant or recipient, or his or her spouse or dependent child. The division of family services shall establish by rule or regulation in conformance with

applicable federal statutes and regulations a definition of the home and when the home shall be considered a resource that shall be considered in determining eligibility.

10. Reimbursement for services provided by an enrolled Medicaid provider to a recipient who is duly entitled to Title XIX Medicaid and Title XVIII Medicare Part B, Supplementary Medical Insurance (SMI) shall include payment in full of deductible and coinsurance amounts as determined due pursuant to the applicable provisions of federal regulations pertaining to Title XVIII Medicare Part B, except for hospital outpatient services or the applicable Title XIX cost sharing.

11. A "community spouse" is defined as being the noninstitutionalized spouse.

12. An institutionalized spouse applying for Medicaid and having a spouse living in the community shall be required, to the maximum extent permitted by law, to divert income to such community spouse to raise the community spouse's income to the level of the minimum monthly needs allowance, as described in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-5. Such diversion of income shall occur before the community spouse is allowed to retain assets in excess of the community spouse protected amount described in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-5."; and

Further amend said Bill, Section 208.215, Page 8, Line 258, by inserting after all of said Section and Line the following:

"208.453. Every hospital as defined by section 197.020, RSMo, except **[**public hospitals which are operated primarily for the care and treatment of mental disorders and**]** any hospital operated by the department of health and senior services, shall, in addition to all other fees and taxes now required or paid, pay a federal reimbursement allowance for the privilege of engaging in the business of providing inpatient health care in this state. For the purpose of this section, the phrase "engaging in the business of providing inpatient health care in this state" shall mean accepting payment for inpatient services rendered. The federal reimbursement allowance to be paid by a hospital which has an unsponsored care ratio that exceeds sixty-five percent or hospitals owned or operated by the board of curators, as defined in chapter 172, RSMo, may be eliminated by the director of the department of social services. The unsponsored care ratio shall be calculated by the department of social services.

208.895. 1. Upon receipt of a properly completed referral for MO HealthNet-funded home- and community-based care containing a nurse assessment or physician's order, the department of health and senior services **[**shall**]** may:

(1) Review the recommendations regarding services and process the referral within fifteen business days;

(2) Issue a prior-authorization for home and community-based services when information contained in the referral is sufficient to establish eligibility for MO HealthNet-funded long-term care and determine the level of service need as required under state and federal regulations;

(3) Arrange for the provision of services by an in-home provider;

(4) Reimburse the in-home provider for one nurse visit to conduct an assessment and recommendation for a care plan and, where necessary based on case circumstances, a second nurse visit

may be authorized to gather additional information or documentation necessary to constitute a completed referral;

(5) Notify the referring entity upon the authorization of MO HealthNet eligibility and provide MO HealthNet reimbursement for personal care benefits effective the date of the assessment or physician's order, and MO HealthNet reimbursement for waiver services effective the date the state reviews and approves the care plan;

(6) Notify the referring entity within five business days of receiving the referral if additional information is required to process the referral; and

(7) Inform the provider and contact the individual when information is insufficient or the proposed care plan requires additional evaluation by state staff that is not obtained from the referring entity to schedule an in-home assessment to be conducted by the state staff within thirty days.

2. The department of health and senior services may contract for initial home and community based assessments, including a care plan, through an independent third-party assessor. The contract shall include a requirement that:

(1) Within fifteen days of receipt of a referral for service, the contractor shall have made an assessment of care need and developed a plan of care; and

(2) The contractor notify the referring entity within five days of receipt of referral if additional information is needed to process the referral.

The contract shall also include the same requirements for such assessments as of January 1, 2010, related to timeliness of assessments and the beginning of service. The contract shall be bid under chapter 34 and shall not be a risk-based contract.

3. The two nurse visits authorized by section 660.300.16, RSMo shall continue to be performed by home and community based providers for including, but not limited to, reassessment and level of care recommendations. These reassessments and care plan changes shall be reviewed and approved by the independent third party assessor. In the event of dispute over the level of care required, the third party assessor will conduct a face to face review with the client in question.

208.909. 1. Consumers receiving personal care assistance services shall be responsible for:

(1) Supervising their personal care attendant;

(2) Verifying wages to be paid to the personal care attendant;

(3) Preparing and submitting time sheets, signed by both the consumer and personal care attendant, to the vendor on a biweekly basis;

(4) Promptly notifying the department within ten days of any changes in circumstances affecting the personal care assistance services plan or in the consumer's place of residence; **[**and**]**

(5) Reporting any problems resulting from the quality of services rendered by the personal care attendant to the vendor. If the consumer is unable to resolve any problems resulting from the quality of service rendered by the personal care attendant with the vendor, the consumer shall report the situation to the department; and

(6) Providing the vendor with all necessary information to complete required paperwork for establishing the employer identification number.

2. Participating vendors shall be responsible for:

(1) Collecting time sheets or reviewing reports of delivered services and certifying [their] the accuracy thereof;

(2) The Medicaid reimbursement process, including the filing of claims and reporting data to the department as required by rule;

(3) Transmitting the individual payment directly to the personal care attendant on behalf of the consumer;

(4) Monitoring the performance of the personal care assistance services plan.

3. No state or federal financial assistance shall be authorized or expended to pay for services provided to a consumer under sections 208.900 to 208.927, if the primary benefit of the services is to the household unit, or is a household task that the members of the consumer's household may reasonably be expected to share or do for one another when they live in the same household, unless such service is above and beyond typical activities household members may reasonably provide for another household member without a disability.

4. No state or federal financial assistance shall be authorized or expended to pay for personal care assistance services provided by a personal care attendant who is listed on any of the background check lists in the family care safety registry under sections 210.900 to 210.937, RSMo, unless a good cause waiver is first obtained from the department in accordance with section 660.317, RSMo.

5. (1) All vendors shall, by July 1, 2012, have, maintain, and use a telephone tracking system for the purpose of reporting and verifying the delivery of consumer-directed services as authorized by the department of health and senior services or its designee. Use of such a system prior to July 1, 2012, shall be voluntary. The telephone tracking system shall be used to process payroll for employees and for submitting claims for reimbursement to the MO HealthNet division. At a minimum, the telephone tracking system shall:

(a) Record the exact date services are delivered;

(b) Record the exact time the services begin and exact time the services end;

(c) Verify the telephone number from which the services are registered;

(d) Verify that the number from which the call is placed is a telephone number unique to the client;

(e) Require a personal identification number unique to each personal care attendant; and

(f) Be capable of producing reports of services delivered, tasks performed, client identity, beginning and ending times of service and date of service in summary fashion that constitute adequate documentation of service;

(g) Be capable of producing reimbursement requests for consumer approval that assures accuracy and compliance with program expectations for both the consumer and vendor.

(2) As new technology becomes available, the department may allow use of a more advanced tracking system, provided that such system is at least as capable of meeting the requirements of this subsection.

(3) The department of health and senior services shall promulgate by rule the minimum necessary criteria of the telephone tracking system. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section

536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2010, shall be invalid and void.

208.918. 1. In order to qualify for an agreement with the department, the vendor shall have a philosophy that promotes the consumer's ability to live independently in the most integrated setting or the maximum community inclusion of persons with physical disabilities, and shall demonstrate the ability to provide, directly or through contract, the following services:

(1) Orientation of consumers concerning the responsibilities of being an employer, supervision of personal care attendants including the preparation and verification of time sheets;

(2) Training for consumers about the recruitment and training of personal care attendants;

(3) Maintenance of a list of persons eligible to be a personal care attendant;

(4) Processing of inquiries and problems received from consumers and personal care attendants;

(5) Ensuring the personal care attendants are registered with the family care safety registry as provided in sections 210.900 to 210.937, RSMo; and

(6) The capacity to provide fiscal conduit services through a telephone tracking system by the date required under section 208.909.

2. In order to maintain its agreement with the department, a vendor shall comply with the provisions of subsection 1 of this section and shall:

(1) Demonstrate sound fiscal management as evidenced on accurate quarterly financial reports and annual audit submitted to the department; and

(2) Demonstrate a positive impact on consumer outcomes regarding the provision of personal care assistance services as evidenced on accurate quarterly and annual service reports submitted to the department;

(3) Implement a quality assurance and supervision process that ensures program compliance and accuracy of records; and

(4) Comply with all provisions of sections 208.900 to 208.927, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

660.023. 1. All in-home services provider agencies shall, by July 1, 2012, have, maintain, and use a telephone tracking system for the purpose of reporting and verifying the delivery of home and community based services as authorized by the department of health and senior services or its designee. Use of such system prior to July 1, 2012, shall be voluntary. At a minimum, the telephone tracking system shall:

(1) Record the exact date services are delivered;

(2) Record the exact time the services begin and exact time the services end;

(3) Verify the telephone number from which the services were registered;

(4) Verify that the number from which the call is placed is a telephone number unique to the client;

(5) Require a personal identification number unique to each personal care attendant; and

(6) Be capable of producing reports of services delivered, tasks performed, client identity, beginning and ending times of service and date of service in summary fashion that constitute adequate documentation of service.

2. The telephone tracking system shall be used to process payroll for employees and for submitting claims for reimbursement to the MO HealthNet division.

3. The department of health and senior services shall promulgate by rule the minimum necessary criteria of the telephone tracking system. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2010, shall be invalid and void.

4. As new technology becomes available, the department may allow use of a more advance tracking system, provided that such system is at least as capable of meeting the requirements listed in subsection 1 of this section.

660.300. 1. When any adult day care worker; chiropractor; Christian Science practitioner; coroner; dentist; embalmer; employee of the departments of social services, mental health, or health and senior services; employee of a local area agency on aging or an organized area agency on aging program; funeral director; home health agency or home health agency employee; hospital and clinic personnel engaged in examination, care, or treatment of persons; in-home services owner, provider, operator, or employee; law enforcement officer; long-term care facility administrator or employee; medical examiner; medical resident or intern; mental health professional; minister; nurse; nurse practitioner; optometrist; other health practitioner; peace officer; pharmacist; physical therapist; physician; physician's assistant; podiatrist; probation or parole officer; psychologist; or social worker has reasonable cause to believe that an in-home services client has been abused or neglected, as a result of in-home services, he or she shall immediately report or cause a report to be made to the department. If the report is made by a physician of the in-home services client, the department shall maintain contact with the physician regarding the progress of the investigation.

2. When a report of deteriorating physical condition resulting in possible abuse or neglect of an in-home services client is received by the department, the client's case manager and the department nurse shall be notified. The client's case manager shall investigate and immediately report the results of the investigation to the department nurse. The department may authorize the in-home services provider nurse to assist the case manager with the investigation.

3. If requested, local area agencies on aging shall provide volunteer training to those persons listed in subsection 1 of this section regarding the detection and report of abuse and neglect pursuant to this section.

4. Any person required in subsection 1 of this section to report or cause a report to be made to the department who fails to do so within a reasonable time after the act of abuse or neglect is guilty of a class

A misdemeanor.

5. The report shall contain the names and addresses of the in-home services provider agency, the in-home services employee, the in-home services client, the home health agency, the home health agency employee, information regarding the nature of the abuse or neglect, the name of the complainant, and any other information which might be helpful in an investigation.

6. In addition to those persons required to report under subsection 1 of this section, any other person having reasonable cause to believe that an in-home services client or home health patient has been abused or neglected by an in-home services employee or home health agency employee may report such information to the department.

7. If the investigation indicates possible abuse or neglect of an in-home services client or home health patient, the investigator shall refer the complaint together with his or her report to the department director or his or her designee for appropriate action. If, during the investigation or at its completion, the department has reasonable cause to believe that immediate action is necessary to protect the in-home services client or home health patient from abuse or neglect, the department or the local prosecuting attorney may, or the attorney general upon request of the department shall, file a petition for temporary care and protection of the in-home services client or home health patient in a circuit court of competent jurisdiction. The circuit court in which the petition is filed shall have equitable jurisdiction to issue an ex parte order granting the department authority for the temporary care and protection of the in-home services client or home health patient, for a period not to exceed thirty days.

8. Reports shall be confidential, as provided under section 660.320.

9. Anyone, except any person who has abused or neglected an in-home services client or home health patient, who makes a report pursuant to this section or who testifies in any administrative or judicial proceeding arising from the report shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability for making such a report or for testifying except for liability for perjury, unless such person acted negligently, recklessly, in bad faith, or with malicious purpose.

10. Within five working days after a report required to be made under this section is received, the person making the report shall be notified in writing of its receipt and of the initiation of the investigation.

11. No person who directs or exercises any authority in an in-home services provider agency or home health agency shall harass, dismiss or retaliate against an in-home services client or home health patient, or an in-home services employee or a home health agency employee because he or any member of his or her family has made a report of any violation or suspected violation of laws, standards or regulations applying to the in-home services provider agency or home health agency or any in-home services employee or home health agency employee which he has reasonable cause to believe has been committed or has occurred.

12. Any person who abuses or neglects an in-home services client or home health patient is subject to criminal prosecution under section 565.180, 565.182, or 565.184, RSMo. If such person is an in-home services employee and has been found guilty by a court, and if the supervising in-home services provider willfully and knowingly failed to report known abuse by such employee to the department, the supervising

in-home services provider may be subject to administrative penalties of one thousand dollars per violation to be collected by the department and the money received therefor shall be paid to the director of revenue and deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund. Any in-home services provider which has had administrative penalties imposed by the department or which has had its contract terminated may seek an administrative review of the department's action pursuant to chapter 621, RSMo. Any decision of the administrative hearing commission may be appealed to the circuit court in the county where the violation occurred for a trial de novo. For purposes of this subsection, the term "violation" means a determination of guilt by a court.

13. The department shall establish a quality assurance and supervision process for clients that requires an in-home services provider agency to conduct random visits to verify compliance with program standards and verify the accuracy of records kept by an in-home services employee.

14. The department shall maintain the employee disqualification list and place on the employee disqualification list the names of any persons who have been finally determined by the department, pursuant to section 660.315, to have recklessly, knowingly or purposely abused or neglected an in-home services client or home health patient while employed by an in-home services provider agency or home health agency. For purposes of this section only, "knowingly" and "recklessly" shall have the meanings that are ascribed to them in this section. A person acts "knowingly" with respect to the person's conduct when a reasonable person should be aware of the result caused by his or her conduct. A person acts "recklessly" when the person consciously disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk that the person's conduct will result in serious physical injury and such disregard constitutes a gross deviation from the standard of care that a reasonable person would exercise in the situation.

15. At the time a client has been assessed to determine the level of care as required by rule and is eligible for in-home services, the department shall conduct a "Safe at Home Evaluation" to determine the client's physical, mental, and environmental capacity. The department shall develop the safe at home evaluation tool by rule in accordance with chapter 536, RSMo. The purpose of the safe at home evaluation is to assure that each client has the appropriate level of services and professionals involved in the client's care. The plan of service or care for each in-home services client shall be authorized by a nurse. The department may authorize the licensed in-home services nurse, in lieu of the department nurse, to conduct the assessment of the client's condition and to establish a plan of services or care. The department may use the expertise, services, or programs of other departments and agencies on a case-by-case basis to establish the plan of service or care.

The department may, as indicated by the safe at home evaluation, refer any client to a mental health professional, as defined in 9 CSR 30-4.030, for evaluation and treatment as necessary.

16. Authorized nurse visits shall occur at least twice annually to assess the client and the client's plan of services. The provider nurse shall report the results of his or her visits to the client's case manager. If the provider nurse believes that the plan of service requires alteration, the department shall be notified and the department shall make a client evaluation. All authorized nurse visits shall be reimbursed to the in-home services provider. All authorized nurse visits shall be reimbursed outside of the nursing home cap for in-home services clients whose services have reached one hundred percent of the average

statewide charge for care and treatment in an intermediate care facility, provided that the services have been preauthorized by the department.

17. All in-home services clients shall be advised of their rights by the department or the department's designee at the initial evaluation. The rights shall include, but not be limited to, the right to call the department for any reason, including dissatisfaction with the provider or services. The department may contract for services relating to receiving such complaints. The department shall establish a process to receive such nonabuse and neglect calls other than the elder abuse and neglect hotline.

18. Subject to appropriations, all nurse visits authorized in sections 660.250 to 660.300 shall be reimbursed to the in-home services provider agency.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to preserve state services, the repeal and renactment of sections 148.340, 148.350, 148.370, 148.380, 208.010, and 208.453 of this act are deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and the repeal and renactment of sections 148.340, 148.350, 148.370, and 148.380 of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval."; and

Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.