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House _____ Amendment NO. _____

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1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1898, Page 3, Section 192.380, Line 78,
2 by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

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4 "208.662. 1. There is hereby established within the department of social services the
5 "Show-Me Healthy Babies Program" as a separate children's health insurance program (CHIP) for
6 any low-income unborn child. The program shall be established under the authority of Title XXI of
7 the federal Social Security Act, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, as amended, and 42
8 CFR 457.1.

9 2. For an unborn child to be enrolled in the show-me healthy babies program, his or her
10 mother shall not be eligible for coverage under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, the
11 Medicaid program, as it is administered by the state, and shall not have access to affordable
12 employer-subsidized health care insurance or other affordable health care coverage that includes
13 coverage for the unborn child. In addition, the unborn child shall be in a family with income
14 eligibility of no more than three hundred percent of the federal poverty level, or the equivalent
15 modified adjusted gross income, unless the income eligibility is set lower by the general assembly
16 through appropriations. In calculating family size as it relates to income eligibility, the family shall
17 include, in addition to other family members, the unborn child, or in the case of a mother with a
18 multiple pregnancy, all unborn children.

19 3. Coverage for an unborn child enrolled in the show-me healthy babies program shall
20 include all prenatal care and pregnancy-related services that benefit the health of the unborn child
21 and that promote healthy labor, delivery, and birth. Coverage need not include services that are
22 solely for the benefit of the pregnant mother, that are unrelated to maintaining or promoting a
23 healthy pregnancy, and that provide no benefit to the unborn child. However, the department may
24 include pregnancy-related assistance as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1397ll.

25 4. There shall be no waiting period before an unborn child may be enrolled in the show-me
26 healthy babies program. In accordance with the definition of child in 42 CFR 457.10, coverage shall
27 include the period from conception to birth. The department shall develop a presumptive eligibility
28 procedure for enrolling an unborn child. There shall be verification of the pregnancy.

29 5. Coverage for the child shall continue for up to one year after birth, unless otherwise
30 prohibited by law or unless otherwise limited by the general assembly through appropriations.

31 6. Pregnancy-related and postpartum coverage for the mother shall begin on the day the
32 pregnancy ends and extend through the last day of the month that includes the sixtieth day after the
33 pregnancy ends, unless otherwise prohibited by law or unless otherwise limited by the general
34 assembly through appropriations. The department may include pregnancy-related assistance as
35 defined in 42 U.S.C. 1397ll.

36 7. The department may provide coverage for an unborn child enrolled in the show-me

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1 healthy babies program through:

2 (1) Direct coverage whereby the state pays health care providers directly or by contracting
 3 with a managed care organization or with a group or individual health insurance provider;

4 (2) A premium assistance program whereby the state assists in payment of the premiums,
 5 co-payments, coinsurance, or deductibles for a person who is eligible for health coverage through an
 6 employer, former employer, labor union, credit union, church, spouse, other organizations, other
 7 individuals, or through an individual health insurance policy that includes coverage for the unborn
 8 child, when such person needs assistance in paying such premiums, co-payments, coinsurance, or
 9 deductibles;

10 (3) A combination of direct coverage, such as when the unborn child is first enrolled, and
 11 premium assistance, such as after the child is born; or

12 (4) Any other similar arrangement whereby there:

13 (a) Are lower program costs without sacrificing health care coverage for the unborn child or
 14 the child up to one year after birth;

15 (b) Are greater covered services for the unborn child or the child up to one year after birth;

16 (c) Is also coverage for siblings or other family members, including the unborn child's
 17 mother, such as by providing pregnancy-related assistance under 42 U.S.C. 1397ll, relating to
 18 coverage of targeted low-income pregnant women through the children's health insurance program
 19 (CHIP); or

20 (d) Will be an ability for the child to transition more easily to non-government or less
 21 government-subsidized group or individual health insurance coverage after the child is no longer
 22 enrolled in the show-me healthy babies program.

23 8. The department shall provide information about the show-me healthy babies program to
 24 maternity homes as defined in section 135.600, pregnancy resource centers as defined in section
 25 135.630, and other similar agencies and programs in the state that assist unborn children and their
 26 mothers. The department shall consider allowing such agencies and programs to assist in the
 27 enrollment of unborn children in the program, and in making determinations about presumptive
 28 eligibility and verification of the pregnancy.

29 9. Within sixty days after the effective date of this section, the department shall submit a
 30 state plan amendment or seek any necessary waivers from the federal Department of Health and
 31 Human Services requesting approval for the show-me healthy babies program.

32 10. At least annually, the department shall prepare and submit a report to the governor, the
 33 speaker of the house of representatives, and the president pro tempore of the senate analyzing and
 34 projecting the cost savings and benefits, if any, to the state, counties, local communities, school
 35 districts, law enforcement agencies, correctional centers, health care providers, employers, other
 36 public and private entities, and persons by enrolling unborn children in the show-me healthy babies
 37 program. The analysis and projection of cost savings and benefits, if any, may include but need not
 38 be limited to:

39 (1) The higher federal matching rate for having an unborn child enrolled in the show-me
 40 healthy babies program versus the lower federal matching rate for a pregnant woman being enrolled
 41 in MO HealthNet or other federal programs;

42 (2) The efficacy in providing services to unborn children through managed care
 43 organizations, group or individual health insurance providers or premium assistance, or through
 44 other nontraditional arrangements of providing health care;

45 (3) The change in the proportion of unborn children who receive care in the first trimester of
 46 pregnancy due to a lack of waiting periods, by allowing presumptive eligibility, or by removal of
 47 other barriers, and any resulting or projected decrease in health problems and other problems for
 48 unborn children and women throughout pregnancy; at labor, delivery, and birth; and during infancy

1 and childhood;

2 (4) The change in healthy behaviors by pregnant women, such as the cessation of the use of
3 tobacco, alcohol, illicit drugs, or other harmful practices, and any resulting or projected short-term
4 and long-term decrease in birth defects; poor motor skills; vision, speech, and hearing problems;
5 breathing and respiratory problems; feeding and digestive problems; and other physical, mental,
6 educational, and behavioral problems; and

7 (5) The change in infant and maternal mortality, pre-term births and low birth weight babies
8 and any resulting or projected decrease in short-term and long-term medical and other interventions.

9 11. The show-me healthy babies program shall not be deemed an entitlement program, but
10 instead shall be subject to a federal allotment or other federal appropriations and matching state
11 appropriations.

12 12. Nothing in this section shall be construed as obligating the state to continue the show-me
13 healthy babies program if the allotment or payments from the federal government end or are not
14 sufficient for the program to operate, or if the general assembly does not appropriate funds for the
15 program.

16 13. Nothing in this section shall be construed as expanding MO HealthNet or fulfilling a
17 mandate imposed by the federal government on the state."; and

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

