

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Children and Families

This bill requires the Department of Social Services to allow the current federal waiver of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents to expire and prohibits the department from seeking an extension of the waiver. The prohibition must terminate January 1, 2019. Any ongoing savings resulting from a reduction in state expenditures due to the expiration of the waiver or changes to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program effective on August 28, 2015, and subject to appropriations, must be used to provide child care assistance for single parent households, education assistance, transportation assistance, and job training for individuals receiving benefits under the programs.

The bill specifies that if Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance changes any interpretation or application of the requirements for reimbursement for MO HealthNet services from the interpretation or application that has been applied previously by the state in any audit of a MO HealthNet provider, it must notify all affected MO HealthNet providers five business days before the change takes effect. Failure to notify a provider of the change entitles the provider to continue to receive and retain reimbursement until notification is provided and waives any liability of the provider for recoupment or other loss of any payments previously made prior to the five business days after the notice has been sent. The bill requires each provider to provide Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance with a valid email address and agree to receive communication electronically. The notification required must be delivered by the United States Postal Service or electronic mail to each provider. The bill specifies that the provisions must not abrogate or limit the department's statutory requirement to establish rules under Chapter 536, RSMo.

The bill requires the MO HealthNet Division within the department to provide an additional reimbursement to ambulance service providers who divert MO HealthNet recipients who do not require emergency treatment from emergency departments to urgent care or other primary care facilities. The department must have the authority to establish rules and regulations limiting the circumstances in which an emergency medical technician may divert a MO HealthNet recipient under these provisions.