HB 2820 -- MO HEALTHNET PATIENT-CENTERED CARE ACT

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The "MO HealthNet Patient-Centered Care Act of 2016" is established that requires, beginning July 1, 2017, or upon termination of any current contracted health plan in the pilot project areas and subject to receipt of any necessary state plan amendments or waivers from the federal Department of Health and Human Services, the MO HealthNet Division within the Department of Social Services to establish the "MO HealthNet Patient-Centered Care Pilot Program" that transfers current MO HealthNet participants in the pilot project areas to an approved health plan arrangement wherein participants may purchase health services through individual health savings accounts and implement an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) payment system for participating participants.

The MO HealthNet Division must establish a minimum of three, but not more than six, pilot project areas in this state that must include at least 10% of the total MO HealthNet participant population, excluding the aged, blind, and disabled population, in the first two years of the pilot project. In the third year of the pilot project, the division may increase the total number of pilot project areas to not more than 10 and must increase the number of participants to at least 20% of the total MO HealthNet participant population, excluding the aged, blind, and disabled population. Ιf the pilot project is automatically implemented on a statewide basis these provisions must apply to every MO HealthNet participant, excluding the aged, blind, and disabled population. To ensure an accurate sampling of MO HealthNet participants, the demographics of the pilot project population must reflect, to the extent practicable within the geographic area served by the system, the current percentages of participants in the MO HealthNet Program population regarding age, gender, socioeconomic status, healthy versus chronically ill populations, urban versus rural populations, and other relevant demographics as determined by the division. Nothing in these provisions must be construed as requiring the division to obtain the exact and precise demographics of the current MO HealthNet participant population in the pilot project or to include or exclude participants based solely on the pilot project demographic requirements. The division must compile and include a summary of the demographic information for the pilot project and the current MO HealthNet program in the reports required in these provisions.

The pilot project must be supported by a health management and population analytics system that tracks and monitors health outcomes in traditionally challenging populations, such as mothers at risk for premature births, frequent utilizers of emergency departments, and those suffering from chronic pain conditions. The system must implement clinically based predictive models and interventions to improve the care coordination for the targeted populations within the pilot area.

Under the pilot project, requirements that must be met by the division are specified in the bill.

Under the pilot project, the government assistance amount necessary to fund the pilot project must be determined annually based on a survey of the commercial health market in this state and establishing the average cost of an approved health plan arrangement which is composed of direct primary care services and a high-deductible insurance plan or faith-based health reimbursement plan. The average cost must be the government assistance amount deposited in the MO HealthNet Health Savings Account Trust Fund. Providers in the MO HealthNet pilot project must be required to swipe a participant's EBT card for every visit or service received regardless of the balance on the participant's EBT card. Subject to any federal and state laws, the division must maintain a record of every visit or service received by a participant, regardless of whether payment was obtained from a participant's EBT card.

Any reverted amounts which, in the aggregate, total 25% or less of the total amounts credited on all EBT cards under the pilot project must be deposited in the MO HealthNet Health Savings Account Trust Fund. The division must reassess the amount of MO HealthNet moneys allocated for the pilot project based on the amounts reverting to the division.

Beginning July 1, 2019, unless these provisions are repealed by an act of the General Assembly, the pilot project must automatically be implemented on a statewide basis for all MO HealthNet participants who are eligible to receive MO HealthNet benefits in accordance with federal law and state plan amendments and waivers.

This bill is similar to HCS#2 HB 1793 (2014).