

HB 1320 -- MO HEALTHNET BENEFITS

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This bill changes the laws regarding the MO HealthNet Program. The bill creates an alternative package of MO HealthNet benefits for those who are not medically frail, are between the ages of 19 and 65, are not pregnant, are not entitled to Medicare Part A or B, are not otherwise eligible for mandatory coverage under the MO HealthNet program, and have a household income that is at or below 133% of the federal poverty level for their family size. The alternative benefits package shall be available January 1, 2019.

The Department of Social Services will work with the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Health and Senior Services to create a screening process for determining whether an individual is medically frail.

The Department of Social Services will discontinue eligibility for persons who are eligible under these provisions if certain specified conditions occur.

The MO HealthNet Oversight Committee is to conduct research and investigate any potential health-related savings and revenues associated with expanding eligibility to persons under these provisions and determine the feasibility of specified options.

This bill is the same as HB 1202 (2017) and HB 153 (2015).