

HB 1746 -- MO HEALTHNET LIENS

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This bill clarifies that MO HealthNet shall be entitled to reimbursement for medical expenses in certain circumstances. Previously the law did not specify that medical expenses are the only portion of an award or payment that MO HealthNet can recover.

The bill states that MO HealthNet is entitled to any portion of a wrongful death settlement or judgment given to a participant that represents recovery for medical expenses. MO HealthNet is also entitled to recover payments made to a provider if a third party is liable to pay for a participant's medical expenses.

MO HealthNet will have a lien on any money for medical expenses paid by an insurance company or other agency in a cause of action for injuries, if MO HealthNet made payment for those injuries.

The state will have a lien on any money owed by an employer as compensation for medical expenses when a medical expense was paid by the Department of Social Services. The state will also have a right of subrogation to any funds representing compensation for medical expenses.