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**AN ACT**

To repeal section 208.151, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to MO HealthNet.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 208.151, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 208.151 and 208.185, to read as follows:

208.151. 1. Medical assistance on behalf of needy persons shall be known as "MO HealthNet". For the purpose of paying MO HealthNet benefits and to comply with Title XIX, Public Law 89-97, 1965 amendments to the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 301, et seq.) as amended, the following needy persons shall be eligible to receive MO HealthNet benefits to the extent and in the manner hereinafter provided:

(1) All participants receiving state supplemental payments for the aged, blind and disabled;

(2) All participants receiving aid to families with dependent children benefits, including all persons under nineteen years of age who would be classified as dependent children except for the requirements of subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of section 208.040. Participants eligible under this subdivision who are participating in treatment court, as defined in section 478.001, shall have their eligibility automatically extended sixty days from the time their dependent child is removed from the custody of the participant, subject to approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services;

(3) All participants receiving blind pension benefits;

(4) All persons who would be determined to be eligible for old age assistance benefits, permanent and total disability benefits, or aid to the blind benefits under the eligibility standards in effect December 31, 1973, or less restrictive standards as established by rule of the family

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19 support division, who are sixty-five years of age or over and are patients in state institutions for  
20 mental diseases or tuberculosis;

21 (5) All persons under the age of twenty-one years who would be eligible for aid to  
22 families with dependent children except for the requirements of subdivision (2) of subsection 1  
23 of section 208.040, and who are residing in an intermediate care facility, or receiving active  
24 treatment as inpatients in psychiatric facilities or programs, as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section  
25 1396d, as amended;

26 (6) All persons under the age of twenty-one years who would be eligible for aid to  
27 families with dependent children benefits except for the requirement of deprivation of parental  
28 support as provided for in subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of section 208.040;

29 (7) All persons eligible to receive nursing care benefits;

30 (8) All participants receiving family foster home or nonprofit private child-care  
31 institution care, subsidized adoption benefits and parental school care wherein state funds are  
32 used as partial or full payment for such care;

33 (9) All persons who were participants receiving old age assistance benefits, aid to the  
34 permanently and totally disabled, or aid to the blind benefits on December 31, 1973, and who  
35 continue to meet the eligibility requirements, except income, for these assistance categories, but  
36 who are no longer receiving such benefits because of the implementation of Title XVI of the  
37 federal Social Security Act, as amended;

38 (10) Pregnant women who meet the requirements for aid to families with dependent  
39 children, except for the existence of a dependent child in the home;

40 (11) Pregnant women who meet the requirements for aid to families with dependent  
41 children, except for the existence of a dependent child who is deprived of parental support as  
42 provided for in subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of section 208.040;

43 (12) Pregnant women or infants under one year of age, or both, whose family income  
44 does not exceed an income eligibility standard equal to one hundred eighty-five percent of the  
45 federal poverty level as established and amended by the federal Department of Health and  
46 Human Services, or its successor agency;

47 (13) Children who have attained one year of age but have not attained six years of age  
48 who are eligible for medical assistance under 6401 of P.L. 101-239 (Omnibus Budget  
49 Reconciliation Act of 1989). The family support division shall use an income eligibility standard  
50 equal to one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty level established by the  
51 Department of Health and Human Services, or its successor agency;

52 (14) Children who have attained six years of age but have not attained nineteen years of  
53 age. For children who have attained six years of age but have not attained nineteen years of age,  
54 the family support division shall use an income assessment methodology which provides for

55 eligibility when family income is equal to or less than equal to one hundred percent of the federal  
56 poverty level established by the Department of Health and Human Services, or its successor  
57 agency. As necessary to provide MO HealthNet coverage under this subdivision, the department  
58 of social services may revise the state MO HealthNet plan to extend coverage under 42 U.S.C.  
59 Section 1396a (a)(10)(A)(i)(III) to children who have attained six years of age but have not  
60 attained nineteen years of age as permitted by paragraph (2) of subsection (n) of 42 U.S.C.  
61 Section 1396d using a more liberal income assessment methodology as authorized by paragraph  
62 (2) of subsection (r) of 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a;

63 (15) The family support division shall not establish a resource eligibility standard in  
64 assessing eligibility for persons under subdivision (12), (13) or (14) of this subsection. The MO  
65 HealthNet division shall define the amount and scope of benefits which are available to  
66 individuals eligible under each of the subdivisions (12), (13), and (14) of this subsection, in  
67 accordance with the requirements of federal law and regulations promulgated thereunder;

68 (16) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, ambulatory prenatal  
69 care shall be made available to pregnant women during a period of presumptive eligibility  
70 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-1, as amended;

71 (17) A child born to a woman eligible for and receiving MO HealthNet benefits under  
72 this section on the date of the child's birth shall be deemed to have applied for MO HealthNet  
73 benefits and to have been found eligible for such assistance under such plan on the date of such  
74 birth and to remain eligible for such assistance for a period of time determined in accordance  
75 with applicable federal and state law and regulations so long as the child is a member of the  
76 woman's household and either the woman remains eligible for such assistance or for children  
77 born on or after January 1, 1991, the woman would remain eligible for such assistance if she  
78 were still pregnant. Upon notification of such child's birth, the family support division shall  
79 assign a MO HealthNet eligibility identification number to the child so that claims may be  
80 submitted and paid under such child's identification number;

81 (18) Pregnant women and children eligible for MO HealthNet benefits pursuant to  
82 subdivision (12), (13) or (14) of this subsection shall not as a condition of eligibility for MO  
83 HealthNet benefits be required to apply for aid to families with dependent children. The family  
84 support division shall utilize an application for eligibility for such persons which eliminates  
85 information requirements other than those necessary to apply for MO HealthNet benefits. The  
86 division shall provide such application forms to applicants whose preliminary income  
87 information indicates that they are ineligible for aid to families with dependent children.  
88 Applicants for MO HealthNet benefits under subdivision (12), (13) or (14) of this subsection  
89 shall be informed of the aid to families with dependent children program and that they are

90 entitled to apply for such benefits. Any forms utilized by the family support division for  
91 assessing eligibility under this chapter shall be as simple as practicable;

92 (19) Subject to appropriations necessary to recruit and train such staff, the family support  
93 division shall provide one or more full-time, permanent eligibility specialists to process  
94 applications for MO HealthNet benefits at the site of a health care provider, if the health care  
95 provider requests the placement of such eligibility specialists and reimburses the division for the  
96 expenses including but not limited to salaries, benefits, travel, training, telephone, supplies, and  
97 equipment of such eligibility specialists. The division may provide a health care provider with  
98 a part-time or temporary eligibility specialist at the site of a health care provider if the health care  
99 provider requests the placement of such an eligibility specialist and reimburses the division for  
100 the expenses, including but not limited to the salary, benefits, travel, training, telephone,  
101 supplies, and equipment, of such an eligibility specialist. The division may seek to employ such  
102 eligibility specialists who are otherwise qualified for such positions and who are current or  
103 former welfare participants. The division may consider training such current or former welfare  
104 participants as eligibility specialists for this program;

105 (20) Pregnant women who are eligible for, have applied for and have received MO  
106 HealthNet benefits under subdivision (2), (10), (11) or (12) of this subsection shall continue to  
107 be considered eligible for all pregnancy-related and postpartum MO HealthNet benefits provided  
108 under section 208.152 until the end of the sixty-day period beginning on the last day of their  
109 pregnancy. Pregnant women receiving substance abuse treatment within sixty days of giving  
110 birth shall, subject to appropriations and any necessary federal approval, be eligible for MO  
111 HealthNet benefits for substance abuse treatment and mental health services for the treatment  
112 of substance abuse for no more than twelve additional months, as long as the woman remains  
113 adherent with treatment. The department of mental health and the department of social services  
114 shall seek any necessary waivers or state plan amendments from the Centers for Medicare and  
115 Medicaid Services and shall develop rules relating to treatment plan adherence. No later than  
116 fifteen months after receiving any necessary waiver, the department of mental health and the  
117 department of social services shall report to the house of representatives budget committee and  
118 the senate appropriations committee on the compliance with federal cost neutrality requirements;

119 (21) Case management services for pregnant women and young children at risk shall be  
120 a covered service. To the greatest extent possible, and in compliance with federal law and  
121 regulations, the department of health and senior services shall provide case management services  
122 to pregnant women by contract or agreement with the department of social services through local  
123 health departments organized under the provisions of chapter 192 or chapter 205 or a city health  
124 department operated under a city charter or a combined city-county health department or other  
125 department of health and senior services designees. To the greatest extent possible the

department of social services and the department of health and senior services shall mutually coordinate all services for pregnant women and children with the crippled children's program, the prevention of intellectual disability and developmental disability program and the prenatal care program administered by the department of health and senior services. The department of social services shall by regulation establish the methodology for reimbursement for case management services provided by the department of health and senior services. For purposes of this section, the term "case management" shall mean those activities of local public health personnel to identify prospective MO HealthNet-eligible high-risk mothers and enroll them in the state's MO HealthNet program, refer them to local physicians or local health departments who provide prenatal care under physician protocol and who participate in the MO HealthNet program for prenatal care and to ensure that said high-risk mothers receive support from all private and public programs for which they are eligible and shall not include involvement in any MO HealthNet prepaid, case-managed programs;

(22) By January 1, 1988, the department of social services and the department of health and senior services shall study all significant aspects of presumptive eligibility for pregnant women and submit a joint report on the subject, including projected costs and the time needed for implementation, to the general assembly. The department of social services, at the direction of the general assembly, may implement presumptive eligibility by regulation promulgated pursuant to chapter 207;

(23) All participants who would be eligible for aid to families with dependent children benefits except for the requirements of paragraph (d) of subdivision (1) of section 208.150;

(24) (a) All persons who would be determined to be eligible for old age assistance benefits under the eligibility standards in effect December 31, 1973, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(f), or less restrictive methodologies as contained in the MO HealthNet state plan as of January 1, 2005; except that, on or after July 1, 2005, less restrictive income methodologies, as authorized in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(r)(2), may be used to change the income limit if authorized by annual appropriation;

(b) All persons who would be determined to be eligible for aid to the blind benefits under the eligibility standards in effect December 31, 1973, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(f), or less restrictive methodologies as contained in the MO HealthNet state plan as of January 1, 2005, except that less restrictive income methodologies, as authorized in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(r)(2), shall be used to raise the income limit to one hundred percent of the federal poverty level;

(c) All persons who would be determined to be eligible for permanent and total disability benefits under the eligibility standards in effect December 31, 1973, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(f); or less restrictive methodologies as contained in the MO HealthNet state plan

162 as of January 1, 2005; except that, on or after July 1, 2005, less restrictive income  
163 methodologies, as authorized in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(r)(2), may be used to change the  
164 income limit if authorized by annual appropriations. Eligibility standards for permanent and total  
165 disability benefits shall not be limited by age;

166 (25) Persons who have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer and who are  
167 eligible for coverage pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII). Such persons  
168 shall be eligible during a period of presumptive eligibility in accordance with 42 U.S.C. Section  
169 1396r-1;

170 (26) Effective August 28, ~~[2013]~~ **2019**, persons who ~~[are]~~ **were** in foster care under the  
171 responsibility of the state of Missouri ~~[on the date such persons attained the age of eighteen~~  
172 ~~years, or at any time during the thirty-day period preceding their eighteenth birthday]~~ **at any time**  
173 **when such persons were thirteen years of age or older**, without regard to income or assets,  
174 if such persons:

175 (a) Are under twenty-six years of age;

176 (b) Are not eligible for coverage under another mandatory coverage group; and

177 (c) Were covered by Medicaid while they were in foster care.

178 2. Rules and regulations to implement this section shall be promulgated in accordance  
179 with chapter 536. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that  
180 is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies  
181 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028.  
182 This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general  
183 assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove and  
184 annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and  
185 any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2002, shall be invalid and void.

186 3. After December 31, 1973, and before April 1, 1990, any family eligible for assistance  
187 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 601, et seq., as amended, in at least three of the last six months  
188 immediately preceding the month in which such family became ineligible for such assistance  
189 because of increased income from employment shall, while a member of such family is  
190 employed, remain eligible for MO HealthNet benefits for four calendar months following the  
191 month in which such family would otherwise be determined to be ineligible for such assistance  
192 because of income and resource limitation. After April 1, 1990, any family receiving aid  
193 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 601, et seq., as amended, in at least three of the six months  
194 immediately preceding the month in which such family becomes ineligible for such aid, because  
195 of hours of employment or income from employment of the caretaker relative, shall remain  
196 eligible for MO HealthNet benefits for six calendar months following the month of such  
197 ineligibility as long as such family includes a child as provided in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-6.

198 Each family which has received such medical assistance during the entire six-month period  
199 described in this section and which meets reporting requirements and income tests established  
200 by the division and continues to include a child as provided in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-6 shall  
201 receive MO HealthNet benefits without fee for an additional six months. The MO HealthNet  
202 division may provide by rule and as authorized by annual appropriation the scope of MO  
203 HealthNet coverage to be granted to such families.

204 4. When any individual has been determined to be eligible for MO HealthNet benefits,  
205 such medical assistance will be made available to him or her for care and services furnished in  
206 or after the third month before the month in which he made application for such assistance if  
207 such individual was, or upon application would have been, eligible for such assistance at the time  
208 such care and services were furnished; provided, further, that such medical expenses remain  
209 unpaid.

210 5. The department of social services may apply to the federal Department of Health and  
211 Human Services for a MO HealthNet waiver amendment to the Section 1115 demonstration  
212 waiver or for any additional MO HealthNet waivers necessary not to exceed one million dollars  
213 in additional costs to the state, unless subject to appropriation or directed by statute, but in no  
214 event shall such waiver applications or amendments seek to waive the services of a rural health  
215 clinic or a federally qualified health center as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(1)(1) and (2)  
216 or the payment requirements for such clinics and centers as provided in 42 U.S.C. Section  
217 1396a(a)(15) and 1396a(bb) unless such waiver application is approved by the oversight  
218 committee created in section 208.955. A request for such a waiver so submitted shall only  
219 become effective by executive order not sooner than ninety days after the final adjournment of  
220 the session of the general assembly to which it is submitted, unless it is disapproved within sixty  
221 days of its submission to a regular session by a senate or house resolution adopted by a majority  
222 vote of the respective elected members thereof, unless the request for such a waiver is made  
223 subject to appropriation or directed by statute.

224 6. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, in any given fiscal year,  
225 any persons made eligible for MO HealthNet benefits under subdivisions (1) to (22) of  
226 subsection 1 of this section shall only be eligible if annual appropriations are made for such  
227 eligibility. This subsection shall not apply to classes of individuals listed in 42 U.S.C. Section  
228 1396a(a)(10)(A)(I).

**208.185. 1. Beginning January 1, 2020, MO HealthNet participants ages nineteen  
2 years of age or older and under sixty-four years of age shall comply with the work and  
3 community engagement requirements under this section in order to remain eligible for MO  
4 HealthNet benefits, unless such participant is otherwise exempt from such requirements.**

5 **Work and community engagement requirements shall include at least eighty hours each**  
6 **month of the following:**

- 7 (1) **Unsubsidized or subsidized private or public sector employment;**
- 8 (2) **Education, including vocational educational training, job skills training directly**  
9 **related to employment, education directly related to employment for individuals who have**  
10 **not received a high school diploma or certificate of high school equivalency, or satisfactory**  
11 **attendance at a secondary school;**
- 12 (3) **Community service;**
- 13 (4) **Job search and job readiness assistance;**
- 14 (5) **Provision of child care services to an individual who is participating in a**  
15 **community service program;**
- 16 (6) **Satisfaction of work requirements for participants of temporary assistance for**  
17 **needy families or the supplemental nutrition assistance program who are also MO**  
18 **HealthNet participants;**
- 19 (7) **Participation in a substance abuse treatment program; or**
- 20 (8) **Any combination thereof.**

21 **2. The work and community engagement requirements under this section shall not**  
22 **apply to a participant who is:**

- 23 (1) **Under nineteen years of age or over sixty-four years of age;**
- 24 (2) **Medically frail, including individuals:**
  - 25 (a) **With disabling mental disorders;**
  - 26 (b) **With serious and complex medical conditions;**
  - 27 (c) **With a physical, intellectual, or developmental disability that significantly**  
28 **impairs their ability to perform one or more activities of daily living; or**
  - 29 (d) **With a disability determination based on criteria under the Social Security Act,**  
30 **including a current determination by the department of social services that he or she is**  
31 **permanently or totally disabled;**
- 32 (3) **Pregnant or caring for a child under the age of one or otherwise a recipient of**  
33 **MO HealthNet services under section 208.662;**
- 34 (4) **A primary caregiver of a dependent child under the age of six or a dependent**  
35 **adult; provided, that not more than one participant may claim primary caregiver status**  
36 **in a household; or**
- 37 (5) **A participant who is also a participant of temporary assistance for needy**  
38 **families or the supplemental nutrition assistance program and who is exempt from the**  
39 **work requirements of either of those programs.**



3. In order that work and community engagement requirements shall not be impossible or unduly burdensome for participants, the department may permit further exemptions from the work and community engagement requirements under this section in areas of high unemployment, limited economies or educational opportunities, lack of public transportation, or for good cause. Good cause shall include, but not be limited to, the following circumstances:

(1) The participant has a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and is unable to meet the work and community engagement requirements for reasons related to that disability;

(2) The participant has an immediate family member in the home with a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the participant is unable to meet the work and community engagement requirements for reasons related to the disability of such family member;

(3) The participant or an immediate family member in the home experiences a hospitalization or serious illness;

(4) The participant experiences the birth or death of a family member in the home;

(5) The participant experiences severe inclement weather, including a natural disaster, and is unable to meet the work and community engagement requirements; and

(6) The participant experiences a family emergency or other life-changing event, including divorce or domestic violence.

4. The department shall provide reasonable accommodations for participants with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, or Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as necessary, to enable such participants an equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from the work and community engagement requirements under this section. Reasonable accommodations shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Exemption from the work and community engagement requirements when the participant is unable to comply for reasons relating to his or her disability;

(2) Modification in the number of hours of work and community engagement required when a participant is unable to comply with the required number of hours; and

(3) Provision of support services necessary for compliance, when compliance is possible with such supports.

5. The department may promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section

76 **536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective**  
77 **only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if**  
78 **applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of**  
79 **the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay**  
80 **the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held**  
81 **unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted**  
82 **after August 28, 2019, shall be invalid and void.**

83 **6. The department shall seek all appropriate waivers and state plan amendments**  
84 **from the federal Department of Health and Human Services necessary to implement the**  
85 **provisions of this section. The provisions of this section shall not be implemented unless**  
86 **such waivers and state plan amendments are approved.**

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