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AN ACT

To repeal section 208.152, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to MO HealthNet.

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

Section A. Section 208.152, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 208.152, to read as follows:

208.152. 1. MO HealthNet payments shall be made on behalf of those eligible needy persons as described in section 208.151 who are unable to provide for it in whole or in part, with any payments to be made on the basis of the reasonable cost of the care or reasonable charge for the services as defined and determined by the MO HealthNet division, unless otherwise hereinafter provided, for the following:

(1) Inpatient hospital services, except to persons in an institution for mental diseases who are under the age of sixty-five years and over the age of twenty-one years; provided that the MO HealthNet division shall provide through rule and regulation an exception process for coverage of inpatient costs in those cases requiring treatment beyond the seventy-fifth percentile professional activities study (PAS) or the MO HealthNet children's diagnosis length-of-stay schedule; and provided further that the MO HealthNet division shall take into account through its payment system for hospital services the situation of hospitals which serve a disproportionate number of low-income patients;

(2) All outpatient hospital services, payments therefor to be in amounts which represent no more than eighty percent of the lesser of reasonable costs or customary charges for such services, determined in accordance with the principles set forth in Title XVIII A and B, Public Law 89-97, 1965 amendments to the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 301, et seq.),

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.

18 but the MO HealthNet division may evaluate outpatient hospital services rendered under this
19 section and deny payment for services which are determined by the MO HealthNet division not
20 to be medically necessary, in accordance with federal law and regulations;

21 (3) Laboratory and X-ray services;

22 (4) Nursing home services for participants, except to persons with more than five
23 hundred thousand dollars equity in their home or except for persons in an institution for mental
24 diseases who are under the age of sixty-five years, when residing in a hospital licensed by the
25 department of health and senior services or a nursing home licensed by the department of health
26 and senior services or appropriate licensing authority of other states or government-owned and
27 -operated institutions which are determined to conform to standards equivalent to licensing
28 requirements in Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 301, et seq.), as
29 amended, for nursing facilities. The MO HealthNet division may recognize through its payment
30 methodology for nursing facilities those nursing facilities which serve a high volume of MO
31 HealthNet patients. The MO HealthNet division when determining the amount of the benefit
32 payments to be made on behalf of persons under the age of twenty-one in a nursing facility may
33 consider nursing facilities furnishing care to persons under the age of twenty-one as a
34 classification separate from other nursing facilities;

35 (5) Nursing home costs for participants receiving benefit payments under subdivision
36 (4) of this subsection for those days, which shall not exceed twelve per any period of six
37 consecutive months, during which the participant is on a temporary leave of absence from the
38 hospital or nursing home, provided that no such participant shall be allowed a temporary leave
39 of absence unless it is specifically provided for in his plan of care. As used in this subdivision,
40 the term "temporary leave of absence" shall include all periods of time during which a participant
41 is away from the hospital or nursing home overnight because he is visiting a friend or relative;

42 (6) Physicians' services, whether furnished in the office, home, hospital, nursing home,
43 or elsewhere;

44 (7) Subject to appropriation, up to twenty visits per year for services limited to
45 examinations, diagnoses, adjustments, and manipulations and treatments of malpositioned
46 articulations and structures of the body provided by licensed chiropractic physicians practicing
47 within their scope of practice. Nothing in this subdivision shall be interpreted to otherwise
48 expand MO HealthNet services;

49 (8) Drugs and medicines when prescribed by a licensed physician, dentist, podiatrist, or
50 an advanced practice registered nurse; except that no payment for drugs and medicines
51 prescribed on and after January 1, 2006, by a licensed physician, dentist, podiatrist, or an
52 advanced practice registered nurse may be made on behalf of any person who qualifies for
53 prescription drug coverage under the provisions of P.L. 108-173;

54 (9) Emergency ambulance services and, effective January 1, 1990, medically necessary
55 transportation to scheduled, physician-prescribed nonelective treatments;

56 (10) Early and periodic screening and diagnosis of individuals who are under the age of
57 twenty-one to ascertain their physical or mental defects, and health care, treatment, and other
58 measures to correct or ameliorate defects and chronic conditions discovered thereby. Such
59 services shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 6403 of P.L. 101-239 and
60 federal regulations promulgated thereunder;

61 (11) Home health care services;

62 (12) Family planning as defined by federal rules and regulations; provided, however, that
63 such family planning services shall not include abortions unless such abortions are certified in
64 writing by a physician to the MO HealthNet agency that, in the physician's professional
65 judgment, the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term;

66 (13) Inpatient psychiatric hospital services for individuals under age twenty-one as
67 defined in Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396d, et seq.);

68 (14) Outpatient surgical procedures, including presurgical diagnostic services performed
69 in ambulatory surgical facilities which are licensed by the department of health and senior
70 services of the state of Missouri; except, that such outpatient surgical services shall not include
71 persons who are eligible for coverage under Part B of Title XVIII, Public Law 89-97, 1965
72 amendments to the federal Social Security Act, as amended, if exclusion of such persons is
73 permitted under Title XIX, Public Law 89-97, 1965 amendments to the federal Social Security
74 Act, as amended;

75 (15) Personal care services which are medically oriented tasks having to do with a
76 person's physical requirements, as opposed to housekeeping requirements, which enable a person
77 to be treated by his or her physician on an outpatient rather than on an inpatient or residential
78 basis in a hospital, intermediate care facility, or skilled nursing facility. Personal care services
79 shall be rendered by an individual not a member of the participant's family who is qualified to
80 provide such services where the services are prescribed by a physician in accordance with a plan
81 of treatment and are supervised by a licensed nurse. Persons eligible to receive personal care
82 services shall be those persons who would otherwise require placement in a hospital,
83 intermediate care facility, or skilled nursing facility. Benefits payable for personal care services
84 shall not exceed for any one participant one hundred percent of the average statewide charge for
85 care and treatment in an intermediate care facility for a comparable period of time. Such
86 services, when delivered in a residential care facility or assisted living facility licensed under
87 chapter 198 shall be authorized on a tier level based on the services the resident requires and the
88 frequency of the services. A resident of such facility who qualifies for assistance under section
89 208.030 shall, at a minimum, if prescribed by a physician, qualify for the tier level with the

90 fewest services. The rate paid to providers for each tier of service shall be set subject to
91 appropriations. Subject to appropriations, each resident of such facility who qualifies for
92 assistance under section 208.030 and meets the level of care required in this section shall, at a
93 minimum, if prescribed by a physician, be authorized up to one hour of personal care services
94 per day. Authorized units of personal care services shall not be reduced or tier level lowered
95 unless an order approving such reduction or lowering is obtained from the resident's personal
96 physician. Such authorized units of personal care services or tier level shall be transferred with
97 such resident if he or she transfers to another such facility. Such provision shall terminate upon
98 receipt of relevant waivers from the federal Department of Health and Human Services. If the
99 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services determines that such provision does not comply
100 with the state plan, this provision shall be null and void. The MO HealthNet division shall notify
101 the revisor of statutes as to whether the relevant waivers are approved or a determination of
102 noncompliance is made;

103 (16) Mental health services. The state plan for providing medical assistance under Title
104 XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 301, as amended, shall include the following
105 mental health services when such services are provided by community mental health facilities
106 operated by the department of mental health or designated by the department of mental health
107 as a community mental health facility or as an alcohol and drug abuse facility or as a
108 child-serving agency within the comprehensive children's mental health service system
109 established in section 630.097. The department of mental health shall establish by administrative
110 rule the definition and criteria for designation as a community mental health facility and for
111 designation as an alcohol and drug abuse facility. Such mental health services shall include:

112 (a) Outpatient mental health services including preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic,
113 rehabilitative, and palliative interventions rendered to individuals in an individual or group
114 setting by a mental health professional in accordance with a plan of treatment appropriately
115 established, implemented, monitored, and revised under the auspices of a therapeutic team as a
116 part of client services management;

117 (b) Clinic mental health services including preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic,
118 rehabilitative, and palliative interventions rendered to individuals in an individual or group
119 setting by a mental health professional in accordance with a plan of treatment appropriately
120 established, implemented, monitored, and revised under the auspices of a therapeutic team as a
121 part of client services management;

122 (c) Rehabilitative mental health and alcohol and drug abuse services including home and
123 community-based preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, and palliative interventions
124 rendered to individuals in an individual or group setting by a mental health or alcohol and drug
125 abuse professional in accordance with a plan of treatment appropriately established,

implemented, monitored, and revised under the auspices of a therapeutic team as a part of client services management. As used in this section, mental health professional and alcohol and drug abuse professional shall be defined by the department of mental health pursuant to duly promulgated rules. With respect to services established by this subdivision, the department of social services, MO HealthNet division, shall enter into an agreement with the department of mental health. Matching funds for outpatient mental health services, clinic mental health services, and rehabilitation services for mental health and alcohol and drug abuse shall be certified by the department of mental health to the MO HealthNet division. The agreement shall establish a mechanism for the joint implementation of the provisions of this subdivision. In addition, the agreement shall establish a mechanism by which rates for services may be jointly developed;

(17) Such additional services as defined by the MO HealthNet division to be furnished under waivers of federal statutory requirements as provided for and authorized by the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 301, et seq.) subject to appropriation by the general assembly;

(18) The services of an advanced practice registered nurse with a collaborative practice agreement to the extent that such services are provided in accordance with chapters 334 and 335, and regulations promulgated thereunder;

(19) Nursing home costs for participants receiving benefit payments under subdivision (4) of this subsection to reserve a bed for the participant in the nursing home during the time that the participant is absent due to admission to a hospital for services which cannot be performed on an outpatient basis, subject to the provisions of this subdivision:

(a) The provisions of this subdivision shall apply only if:

a. The occupancy rate of the nursing home is at or above ninety-seven percent of MO HealthNet certified licensed beds, according to the most recent quarterly census provided to the department of health and senior services which was taken prior to when the participant is admitted to the hospital; and

b. The patient is admitted to a hospital for a medical condition with an anticipated stay of three days or less;

(b) The payment to be made under this subdivision shall be provided for a maximum of three days per hospital stay;

(c) For each day that nursing home costs are paid on behalf of a participant under this subdivision during any period of six consecutive months such participant shall, during the same period of six consecutive months, be ineligible for payment of nursing home costs of two otherwise available temporary leave of absence days provided under subdivision (5) of this subsection; and

162 (d) The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply unless the nursing home receives
163 notice from the participant or the participant's responsible party that the participant intends to
164 return to the nursing home following the hospital stay. If the nursing home receives such
165 notification and all other provisions of this subsection have been satisfied, the nursing home shall
166 provide notice to the participant or the participant's responsible party prior to release of the
167 reserved bed;

168 (20) Prescribed medically necessary durable medical equipment. An electronic
169 web-based prior authorization system using best medical evidence and care and treatment
170 guidelines consistent with national standards shall be used to verify medical need;

171 (21) Hospice care. As used in this subdivision, the term "hospice care" means a
172 coordinated program of active professional medical attention within a home, outpatient and
173 inpatient care which treats the terminally ill patient and family as a unit, employing a medically
174 directed interdisciplinary team. The program provides relief of severe pain or other physical
175 symptoms and supportive care to meet the special needs arising out of physical, psychological,
176 spiritual, social, and economic stresses which are experienced during the final stages of illness,
177 and during dying and bereavement and meets the Medicare requirements for participation as a
178 hospice as are provided in 42 CFR Part 418. The rate of reimbursement paid by the MO
179 HealthNet division to the hospice provider for room and board furnished by a nursing home to
180 an eligible hospice patient shall not be less than ninety-five percent of the rate of reimbursement
181 which would have been paid for facility services in that nursing home facility for that patient,
182 in accordance with subsection (c) of Section 6408 of P.L. 101-239 (Omnibus Budget
183 Reconciliation Act of 1989);

184 (22) Prescribed medically necessary dental services. Such services shall be subject to
185 appropriations. An electronic web-based prior authorization system using best medical evidence
186 and care and treatment guidelines consistent with national standards shall be used to verify
187 medical need;

188 (23) Prescribed medically necessary optometric services. Such services shall be subject
189 to appropriations. An electronic web-based prior authorization system using best medical
190 evidence and care and treatment guidelines consistent with national standards shall be used to
191 verify medical need;

192 (24) Blood clotting products-related services. For persons diagnosed with a bleeding
193 disorder, as defined in section 338.400, reliant on blood clotting products, as defined in section
194 338.400, such services include:

195 (a) Home delivery of blood clotting products and ancillary infusion equipment and
196 supplies, including the emergency deliveries of the product when medically necessary;

(b) Medically necessary ancillary infusion equipment and supplies required to administer the blood clotting products; and

(c) Assessments conducted in the participant's home by a pharmacist, nurse, or local home health care agency trained in bleeding disorders when deemed necessary by the participant's treating physician;

(25) Medically necessary health care service provided by a certified community health worker within the scope of the applicable certification program. The services within the applicable certification program of a certified community health worker shall be within the scope of practice for each of the following supervising licensed practitioners: health services provider in psychology, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, podiatrist, and chiropractor. Supervision of the certified community health worker shall be included in the scope of practice for each supervising licensed practitioner. Each supervising licensed practitioner shall assume professional responsibility for the services provided by the certified community health worker and shall bill for the services of the certified community health worker. For the purposes of this subdivision, "certified community health worker" means a frontline public health worker who is a trusted member or has an unusually close understanding of the community served, allowing him or her to act as an intermediary between the community and health and social service providers.

(26) The MO HealthNet division shall, by January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, report the status of MO HealthNet provider reimbursement rates as compared to one hundred percent of the Medicare reimbursement rates and compared to the average dental reimbursement rates paid by third-party payors licensed by the state. The MO HealthNet division shall, by July 1, 2008, provide to the general assembly a four-year plan to achieve parity with Medicare reimbursement rates and for third-party payor average dental reimbursement rates. Such plan shall be subject to appropriation and the division shall include in its annual budget request to the governor the necessary funding needed to complete the four-year plan developed under this subdivision.

2. Additional benefit payments for medical assistance shall be made on behalf of those eligible needy children, pregnant women and blind persons with any payments to be made on the basis of the reasonable cost of the care or reasonable charge for the services as defined and determined by the MO HealthNet division, unless otherwise hereinafter provided, for the following:

(1) Dental services;

(2) Services of podiatrists as defined in section 330.010;

(3) Optometric services as described in section 336.010;

(4) Orthopedic devices or other prosthetics, including eye glasses, dentures, hearing aids, and wheelchairs;

(5) Hospice care. As used in this subdivision, the term "hospice care" means a coordinated program of active professional medical attention within a home, outpatient and inpatient care which treats the terminally ill patient and family as a unit, employing a medically directed interdisciplinary team. The program provides relief of severe pain or other physical symptoms and supportive care to meet the special needs arising out of physical, psychological, spiritual, social, and economic stresses which are experienced during the final stages of illness, and during dying and bereavement and meets the Medicare requirements for participation as a hospice as are provided in 42 CFR Part 418. The rate of reimbursement paid by the MO HealthNet division to the hospice provider for room and board furnished by a nursing home to an eligible hospice patient shall not be less than ninety-five percent of the rate of reimbursement which would have been paid for facility services in that nursing home facility for that patient, in accordance with subsection (c) of Section 6408 of P.L. 101-239 (Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989);

(6) Comprehensive day rehabilitation services beginning early posttrauma as part of a coordinated system of care for individuals with disabling impairments. Rehabilitation services must be based on an individualized, goal-oriented, comprehensive and coordinated treatment plan developed, implemented, and monitored through an interdisciplinary assessment designed to restore an individual to optimal level of physical, cognitive, and behavioral function. The MO HealthNet division shall establish by administrative rule the definition and criteria for designation of a comprehensive day rehabilitation service facility, benefit limitations and payment mechanism. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this subdivision shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2005, shall be invalid and void.

3. The MO HealthNet division may require any participant receiving MO HealthNet benefits to pay part of the charge or cost until July 1, 2008, and an additional payment after July 1, 2008, as defined by rule duly promulgated by the MO HealthNet division, for all covered services except for those services covered under subdivisions (15) and (16) of subsection 1 of this section and sections 208.631 to 208.657 to the extent and in the manner authorized by Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396, et seq.) and regulations thereunder. When substitution of a generic drug is permitted by the prescriber according to

268 section 338.056, and a generic drug is substituted for a name-brand drug, the MO HealthNet
269 division may not lower or delete the requirement to make a co-payment pursuant to regulations
270 of Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act. A provider of goods or services described under
271 this section must collect from all participants the additional payment that may be required by the
272 MO HealthNet division under authority granted herein, if the division exercises that authority,
273 to remain eligible as a provider. Any payments made by participants under this section shall be
274 in addition to and not in lieu of payments made by the state for goods or services described
275 herein except the participant portion of the pharmacy professional dispensing fee shall be in
276 addition to and not in lieu of payments to pharmacists. A provider may collect the co-payment
277 at the time a service is provided or at a later date. A provider shall not refuse to provide a service
278 if a participant is unable to pay a required payment. If it is the routine business practice of a
279 provider to terminate future services to an individual with an unclaimed debt, the provider may
280 include uncollected co-payments under this practice. Providers who elect not to undertake the
281 provision of services based on a history of bad debt shall give participants advance notice and
282 a reasonable opportunity for payment. A provider, representative, employee, independent
283 contractor, or agent of a pharmaceutical manufacturer shall not make co-payment for a
284 participant. This subsection shall not apply to other qualified children, pregnant women, or blind
285 persons. If the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services does not approve the MO HealthNet
286 state plan amendment submitted by the department of social services that would allow a provider
287 to deny future services to an individual with uncollected co-payments, the denial of services shall
288 not be allowed. The department of social services shall inform providers regarding the
289 acceptability of denying services as the result of unpaid co-payments.

290 4. The MO HealthNet division shall have the right to collect medication samples from
291 participants in order to maintain program integrity.

292 5. Reimbursement for obstetrical and pediatric services under subdivision (6) of
293 subsection 1 of this section shall be timely and sufficient to enlist enough health care providers
294 so that care and services are available under the state plan for MO HealthNet benefits at least to
295 the extent that such care and services are available to the general population in the geographic
296 area, as required under subparagraph (a)(30)(A) of 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a and federal
297 regulations promulgated thereunder.

298 6. Beginning July 1, 1990, reimbursement for services rendered in federally funded
299 health centers shall be in accordance with the provisions of subsection 6402(c) and Section 6404
300 of P.L. 101-239 (Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989) and federal regulations
301 promulgated thereunder.

302 7. Beginning July 1, 1990, the department of social services shall provide notification
303 and referral of children below age five, and pregnant, breast-feeding, or postpartum women who

are determined to be eligible for MO HealthNet benefits under section 208.151 to the special supplemental food programs for women, infants and children administered by the department of health and senior services. Such notification and referral shall conform to the requirements of Section 6406 of P.L. 101-239 and regulations promulgated thereunder.

8. Providers of long-term care services shall be reimbursed for their costs in accordance with the provisions of Section 1902 (a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a, as amended, and regulations promulgated thereunder.

9. Reimbursement rates to long-term care providers with respect to a total change in ownership, at arm's length, for any facility previously licensed and certified for participation in the MO HealthNet program shall not increase payments in excess of the increase that would result from the application of Section 1902 (a)(13)(C) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a (a)(13)(C).

10. The MO HealthNet division may enroll qualified residential care facilities and assisted living facilities, as defined in chapter 198, as MO HealthNet personal care providers.

11. Any income earned by individuals eligible for certified extended employment at a sheltered workshop under chapter 178 shall not be considered as income for purposes of determining eligibility under this section.

12. If the Missouri Medicaid audit and compliance unit 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, the Missouri Medicaid audit and compliance unit shall notify all affected MO HealthNet providers five business days before such change shall take effect. Failure of the Missouri Medicaid audit and compliance unit to notify a provider of such change shall entitle the provider to continue to receive and retain reimbursement until such notification is provided and shall waive any liability of such provider for recoupment or other loss of any payments previously made prior to the five business days after such notice has been sent. Each provider shall provide the Missouri Medicaid audit and compliance unit a valid email address and shall agree to receive communications electronically. The notification required under this section shall be delivered in writing by the United States Postal Service or electronic mail to each provider.

13. Nothing in this section shall be construed to abrogate or limit the department's statutory requirement to promulgate rules under chapter 536.

14. Beginning July 1, 2016, and subject to appropriations, providers of behavioral, social, and psychophysiological services for the prevention, treatment, or management of physical health problems shall be reimbursed utilizing the behavior assessment and intervention reimbursement codes 96150 to 96154 or their successor codes under the Current Procedural

340 Terminology (CPT) coding system. Providers eligible for such reimbursement shall include
341 psychologists.

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