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HOUSE BILL NO. 1102

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERTS (161).

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapters 217 and 221, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to medical assistance for certain offenders.

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

Section A. Chapters 217 and 221, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 217.930 and 221.125, to read as follows:

217.930. 1. (1) Medical assistance under MO HealthNet shall be suspended, rather than cancelled or terminated, for a person who is an offender in a correctional center if:

(a) The department of social services is notified of the person's entry into the correctional center;

(b) On the date of entry, the person was enrolled in the MO HealthNet program; and

(c) The person is eligible for MO HealthNet except for institutional status.

(2) A suspension under this subsection shall end on the date the person is no longer an offender in a correctional center.

(3) Upon release from incarceration, such person shall continue to be eligible for receipt of MO HealthNet benefits until such time as the person is otherwise determined to no longer be eligible for the program.

2. The department of corrections shall notify the department of social services:

(1) Within twenty days after receiving information that a person receiving benefits under MO HealthNet is or will be an offender in a correctional center; and

(2) Within forty-five days prior to the release of a person who is qualified for suspension under subsection 1 of this section.

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.

221.125. 1. (1) Medical assistance under MO HealthNet shall be suspended, rather than cancelled or terminated, for a person who is an offender in a county jail, a city jail, or a private jail if:

(a) The department of social services is notified of the person's entry into the jail;

(b) On the date of entry, the person was enrolled in the MO HealthNet program;

and

(c) The person is eligible for MO HealthNet except for institutional status.

(2) A suspension under this subsection shall end on the date the person is no longer an offender in a jail.

(3) Upon release from incarceration, such person shall continue to be eligible for receipt of MO HealthNet benefits until such time as the person is otherwise determined to no longer be eligible for the program.

2. City, county, and private jails shall notify the department of social services within ten days after receiving information that a person receiving medical assistance under MO HealthNet is or will be an offender in the jail.

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