

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1678

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE LAVENDER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to MO HealthNet services.

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

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 208.207, to read as follows:

208.207. 1. Beginning January 1, 2021, individuals nineteen years of age or older and under sixty-five years of age who qualify for MO HealthNet services under section 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) and as set forth in 42 CFR 435.119, and who have income at or below one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty level plus five percent of the applicable family size as determined under 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(e)(14) and as set forth in 42 CFR 435.603 shall be eligible for medical assistance under MO HealthNet and shall receive coverage for the health benefits service package.

2. For purposes of this section, "health benefits service package" means benefits covered by the MO HealthNet program as determined by the department of social services to meet the benchmark or benchmark-equivalent coverage requirement under 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(k)(1) and any implementing regulations.

3. The reimbursement rate to MO HealthNet providers for MO HealthNet services provided to individuals qualifying under the provisions of this section shall be comparable to commercial reimbursement payment levels with trend adjustment for comparable services. The rates shall be determined annually by the department of social services, and the department may develop such rates through a contracted actuary. The higher

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.

17 **commercial comparable rates shall only apply for services provided to individuals**
18 **qualifying under this section.**

19 **4. The department of social services and the MO HealthNet division shall take all**
20 **actions necessary to maximize federal financial participation in funding medical assistance**
21 **pursuant to this section.**

22 **5. No greater or additional burdens or restrictions on eligibility or enrollment**
23 **standards, methodologies, or practices shall be imposed on persons eligible for MO**
24 **HealthNet services pursuant to this section than on any other population eligible for**
25 **medical assistance.**

26 **6. All references to federal or state statutes, regulations, or rules in this section shall**
27 **be to the version of those statutes, regulations, or rules that existed on January 1, 2019.**

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