

HB 2379 -- HEALTH CARE FOR CHILDREN

SPONSOR: Helms

This bill requires that a child who is determined to be eligible for MO HealthNet benefits will remain eligible for benefits for 12 months after the last day of the month in which the child was enrolled in MO HealthNet, unless the child moves out of state or reaches 19 years of age.

Currently, there is a 30-day waiting period before a child whose family has an income of more than 225% of the federal poverty level can be enrolled in the State Children's Health Insurance Program. This bill states that there will be no waiting period for enrollment in the program after receipt of an application for any child applicant eligible for the program, regardless of income level.

A provision of this bill is similar to HB 1272 (2020) and a provision is the same as HB 1670 (2020).