

HB 2552 -- MO HEALTHNET BENEFITS

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This bill allows MO HealthNet recipients who would otherwise become ineligible due to an increase in income, to continue to qualify for benefits by paying a premium as specified in the bill.

The bill requires the Family Support Division within the Department of Social Services to develop a payroll deduction program for this purpose. The division is also required to apply for all necessary waivers from the federal government.

The department must also establish a program to assist MO HealthNet recipients in transitioning off MO HealthNet while working toward gaining employment, increasing income, or gaining work-related education or training.

The provisions of this bill will end after two years unless reauthorized by the General Assembly.