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HOUSE BILL NO. 852

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 208.153 and 208.164, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to prohibited uses of public funds.

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

Section A. Sections 208.153 and 208.164, RSMo, are repealed and four new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 188.207, 188.209, 208.153, and 208.164, to read as follows:

188.207. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no public funds shall be expended to any clinic, physician's office, or any other place or facility in which abortions are performed or induced or any affiliate or associate of any such clinic, physician's office, or place or facility in which abortions are performed or induced. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any hospital, as defined in section 197.020.

188.209. No public funds shall be expended, paid, or granted to or on behalf of an existing or proposed research project that involves abortion services, human cloning, or prohibited human research, as such terms are defined in section 196.1127.

208.153. 1. Pursuant to and not inconsistent with the provisions of sections 208.151 and 208.152, the MO HealthNet division shall by rule and regulation define the reasonable costs, manner, extent, quantity, quality, charges and fees of MO HealthNet benefits herein provided. The benefits available under these sections shall not replace those provided under other federal or state law or under other contractual or legal entitlements of the persons receiving them, and all persons shall be required to apply for and utilize all benefits available to them and to pursue all causes of action to which they are entitled. **[**~~Any person entitled to MO HealthNet benefits may obtain it from any provider of services with which an agreement is in effect under this section and which undertakes to provide the services, as authorized by the MO HealthNet~~

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.

~~division.~~] At the discretion of the director of the MO HealthNet division and with the approval of the governor, the MO HealthNet division is authorized to provide medical benefits for participants receiving public assistance by expending funds for the payment of federal medical insurance premiums, coinsurance and deductibles pursuant to the provisions of Title XVIII B and XIX, Public Law 89-97, 1965 amendments to the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 301, et seq.), as amended.

2. MO HealthNet shall include benefit payments on behalf of qualified Medicare beneficiaries as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(p). The family support division shall by rule and regulation establish which qualified Medicare beneficiaries are eligible. The MO HealthNet division shall define the premiums, deductible and coinsurance provided for in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(p) to be provided on behalf of the qualified Medicare beneficiaries.

3. MO HealthNet shall include benefit payments for Medicare Part A cost sharing as defined in clause (p)(3)(A)(i) of 42 U.S.C. 1396d on behalf of qualified disabled and working individuals as defined in subsection (s) of Section 42 U.S.C. 1396d as required by subsection (d) of Section 6408 of P.L. 101-239 (Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989). The MO HealthNet division may impose a premium for such benefit payments as authorized by paragraph (d)(3) of Section 6408 of P.L. 101-239.

4. MO HealthNet shall include benefit payments for Medicare Part B cost sharing described in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396(d)(p)(3)(A)(ii) for individuals described in subsection 2 of this section, but for the fact that their income exceeds the income level established by the state under 42 U.S.C. Section 1396(d)(p)(2) but is less than one hundred and ten percent beginning January 1, 1993, and less than one hundred and twenty percent beginning January 1, 1995, of the official poverty line for a family of the size involved.

5. For an individual eligible for MO HealthNet under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, MO HealthNet shall include payment of enrollee premiums in a group health plan and all deductibles, coinsurance and other cost-sharing for items and services otherwise covered under the state Title XIX plan under Section 1906 of the federal Social Security Act and regulations established under the authority of Section 1906, as may be amended. Enrollment in a group health plan must be cost effective, as established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, before enrollment in the group health plan is required. If all members of a family are not eligible for MO HealthNet and enrollment of the Title XIX eligible members in a group health plan is not possible unless all family members are enrolled, all premiums for noneligible members shall be treated as payment for MO HealthNet of eligible family members. Payment for noneligible family members must be cost effective, taking into account payment of all such premiums. Non-Title XIX eligible family members shall pay all deductible, coinsurance and other cost-sharing

obligations. Each individual as a condition of eligibility for MO HealthNet benefits shall apply for enrollment in the group health plan.

6. Any Social Security cost-of-living increase at the beginning of any year shall be disregarded until the federal poverty level for such year is implemented.

7. If a MO HealthNet participant has paid the requested spenddown in cash for any month and subsequently pays an out-of-pocket valid medical expense for such month, such expense shall be allowed as a deduction to future required spenddown for up to three months from the date of such expense.

208.164. 1. As used in this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms mean:

(1) "Abuse", a documented pattern of inducing, furnishing, or otherwise causing a recipient to receive services or merchandise not otherwise required or requested by the recipient, attending physician or appropriate utilization review team; a documented pattern of performing and billing tests, examinations, patient visits, surgeries, drugs or merchandise that exceed limits or frequencies determined by the department for like practitioners for which there is no demonstrable need, or for which the provider has created the need through ineffective services or merchandise previously rendered. The decision to impose any of the sanctions authorized in this section shall be made by the director of the department, following a determination of demonstrable need or accepted medical practice made in consultation with medical or other health care professionals, or qualified peer review teams;

(2) "Department", the department of social services;

(3) "Excessive use", the act, by a person eligible for services under a contract or provider agreement between the department of social services or its divisions and a provider, of seeking and/or obtaining medical assistance benefits from a number of like providers and in quantities which exceed the levels that are considered medically necessary by current medical practices and standards for the eligible person's needs;

(4) "Fraud", a known false representation, including the concealment of a material fact that provider knew or should have known through the usual conduct of his profession or occupation, upon which the provider claims reimbursement under the terms and conditions of a contract or provider agreement and the policies pertaining to such contract or provider agreement of the department or its divisions in carrying out the providing of services, or under any approved state plan authorized by the federal Social Security Act;

(5) "Health plan", a group of services provided to recipients of medical assistance benefits by providers under a contract with the department;

(6) "Medical assistance benefits", those benefits authorized to be provided by sections 208.152 and 208.162;

(7) "Prior authorization", approval to a provider to perform a service or services for an eligible person required by the department or its divisions in advance of the actual service being provided or approved for a recipient to receive a service or services from a provider, required by the department or its designated division in advance of the actual service or services being received;

(8) "Provider", any person, partnership, corporation, not-for-profit corporation, professional corporation, or other business entity that enters into a contract or provider agreement with the department or its divisions for the purpose of providing services to eligible persons, and obtaining from the department or its divisions reimbursement therefor;

(9) "Recipient", a person who is eligible to receive medical assistance benefits allocated through the department;

(10) "Service", the specific function, act, successive acts, benefits, continuing benefits, requested by an eligible person or provided by the provider under contract with the department or its divisions.

2. The department or its divisions shall have the authority to suspend, revoke, or cancel any contract or provider agreement or refuse to enter into a new contract or provider agreement with any provider where it is determined the provider has committed or allowed its agents, servants, or employees to commit acts defined as abuse or fraud in this section.

3. The department or its divisions shall have the authority to impose prior authorization as defined in this section:

(1) When it has reasonable cause to believe a provider or recipient has knowingly followed a course of conduct which is defined as abuse or fraud or excessive use by this section; or

(2) When it determines by rule that prior authorization is reasonable for a specified service or procedure.

4. If a provider or recipient reports to the department or its divisions the name or names of providers or recipients who, based upon their personal knowledge has reasonable cause to believe an act or acts are being committed which are defined as abuse, fraud or excessive use by this section, such report shall be confidential and the reporter's name shall not be divulged to anyone by the department or any of its divisions, except at a judicial proceeding upon a proper protective order being entered by the court.

5. Payments for services under any contract or provider agreement between the department or its divisions and a provider may be withheld by the department or its divisions from the provider for acts or omissions defined as abuse or fraud by this section, until such time as an agreement between the parties is reached or the dispute is adjudicated under the laws of this state.

6. The department or its designated division shall have the authority to review all cases and claim records for any recipient of public assistance benefits and to determine from these records if the recipient has, as defined in this section, committed excessive use of such services by seeking or obtaining services from a number of like providers of services and in quantities which exceed the levels considered necessary by current medical or health care professional practice standards and policies of the program.

7. The department or its designated division shall have the authority with respect to recipients of medical assistance benefits who have committed excessive use to limit or restrict the use of the recipient's Medicaid identification card to designated providers and for designated services; the actual method by which such restrictions are imposed shall be at the discretion of the department of social services or its designated division.

8. The department or its designated division shall have the authority with respect to any recipient of medical assistance benefits whose use has been restricted under subsection 7 of this section and who obtains or seeks to obtain medical assistance benefits from a provider other than one of the providers for designated services to terminate medical assistance benefits as defined by this chapter, where allowed by the provisions of the federal Social Security Act.

9. The department or its designated division shall have the authority with respect to any provider who knowingly allows a recipient to violate subsection 7 of this section or who fails to report a known violation of subsection 7 of this section to the department of social services or its designated division to terminate or otherwise sanction such provider's status as a participant in the medical assistance program. Any person making such a report shall not be civilly liable when the report is made in good faith.

10. In order to comply with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. Section 1320a-7(a) relating to mandatory exclusion of certain individuals and entities from participation in any federal health care program, and in furtherance of the state's authority under federal law, as implemented by 42 CFR 1002.3(b), to exclude an individual or entity from MO HealthNet for any reason or period authorized by state law, the department or its divisions shall suspend, revoke, or cancel any contract or provider agreement or refuse to enter into a new contract or provider agreement with any provider if it is determined that such provider is not qualified to perform the service or services required, as described in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(a)(23), because such provider, or such provider's agent, servant, or employee acting under such provider's authority:

(1) Has a conviction related to the delivery of Medicare or any state health care program, as described in 42 U.S.C. Section 1320a-7(a)(1);

(2) Has a conviction related to neglect or abuse of a patient, as described in 42 U.S.C. Section 1320a-7(a)(2);

(3) Has a felony conviction related to health care fraud, as described in 42 U.S.C. Section 1320a-7(a)(3);

(4) Has a felony conviction related to the unlawful manufacture, delivery, prescription, or dispensation of a controlled substance, as described in 42 U.S.C. Section 1320a-7(a)(4);

(5) Has a pattern of intentional discrimination in the delivery of services based on the race, color, or national origin of recipients, as described in 42 U.S.C. Section 2000d;

(6) Has an affiliation or association with any entity with a founding individual who supported eugenics as the solution for racial, political, and social problems and who advocated for the use of birth control for "the elimination of the unfit" and stopping "the reproduction of the unfit"; or

(7) Has an affiliation or association with a clinic, physician's office, or any other place or facility in which abortions are performed or induced, other than a hospital as defined in section 197.020.

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