

HB 332 -- MO HEALTHNET BENEFITS

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This bill requires the Department of Social Services to apply for all necessary waivers from the federal government to create a program to assist MO HealthNet recipients to transition off MO HealthNet by gaining employment and increasing income or engaging in work-related education or training.

For those MO HealthNet recipients or caretakers of recipients who would otherwise become ineligible due to an increase in income, the program allows recipients to continue to receive benefits by paying a premium as specified in the bill. The bill also requires the Department to develop a payroll deduction program for this purpose.

The provisions of this bill will sunset after five years unless reauthorized by the General Assembly.

This bill is similar to HB 2552 (2020).