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HOUSE BILL NO. 996

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

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

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 2 known as section 208.1080, to read as follows:

208.1080. 1. To the extent allowed by federal law, the department of social 2 services shall establish the "Missouri Care Plan" within MO HealthNet and make 3 coverage available for purchase through the plan to any person who is not otherwise 4 eligible for MO HealthNet.

5 2. The coverage provided to a person who enrolls in the Missouri care plan shall 6 be the same as the coverage provided to MO HealthNet participants who do not 7 participate in a MO HealthNet managed care program.

8 3. The department shall apply to the Secretary of the United States Department 9 of Health and Human Services for any necessary waiver under 42 U.S.C. Section 1315 10 or 18052, as applicable, to:

(1) Allow the department to enter into a contract with one or more insurers to
provide coverage to persons who enroll in the Missouri care plan established under this
section; and

14 (2) Allow a person who is determined eligible for advance payments of the 15 premium tax credit and cost-sharing reductions, if available, under 45 CFR 155.305 to 16 use such credits and reductions to purchase coverage through the Missouri care plan.

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.

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4. If the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services grants any necessary waiver under subsection 3 of this section, the department may enter into a contract with one or more providers of insurance to provide the coverage described in this section to persons who enroll in the Missouri care plan.

21 5. The department shall adopt such regulations as necessary to carry out the 22 provisions of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 23 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become 24 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, 25 if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to 26 27 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or 28 29 adopted after August 28, 2023, shall be invalid and void.

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