

HB 1563 -- RELATING TO PUBLIC FUNDING OF HEALTH CARE

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Any taxpayer shall have standing to bring a cause of action in any court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction to enforce these provisions.

This bill prohibits any public funding from being expended to any abortion facility, or associate or affiliate thereof, including for MO HealthNet reimbursement.

This bill modifies existing statute permitting any MO HealthNet participant to obtain services from any provider of such services in a MO HealthNet provider agreement with the state by requiring such provider to not be disqualified or excluded from serving as a MO HealthNet provider.

Additionally, this bill requires the Department of Social Services to suspend, revoke, or cancel any contract or provider agreement, or refuse to enter into a new contract or provider agreement, with any provider when it is determined that the provider is not qualified to perform the required services because such provider has committed certain offenses, as specified in the bill, or because the provider is an abortion facility, or an affiliate or associate thereof.

Lastly, this bill prohibits reimbursement to abortion facilities, or associates or affiliates thereof, under the "Uninsured Women's Health Program".

This bill is similar to SB 160 (2023).