

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2355

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE JONES (88).

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a MO HealthNet waiver for nutrition services.

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 known as section 208.270, to read as follows:

- 208.270. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Food is Medicine Act". The department of social services shall apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the federal Department of Health and Human Services for a Section 1115 demonstration waiver to implement the "Food is Medicine" program for the purpose of providing nutritional support through the MO HealthNet program. The food is medicine program shall be designed to improve health outcomes for MO HealthNet participants with nutrition-related chronic diseases through nutrition services and to reduce the need for medical care for those participants.**
- 2. Nutrition services covered under this program may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:**
- (1) Case management;**
 - (2) Nutrition counseling;**
 - (3) Meals or pantry stocking;**
 - (4) Nutrition prescriptions; and**
 - (5) Grocery provisions.**

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.

16 **3. Whenever feasible, the MO HealthNet division shall prioritize the inclusion of**
17 **community-based organizations and local growers to support the purchase of locally**
18 **grown food in nutrition prescriptions.**

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