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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 154

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment repealing Section 36(c) of Article IV of the Constitution of Missouri, and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to MO HealthNet.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2026, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 36(c), Article IV, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as Section 36(c), to read as follows:

Section 36(c). 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, beginning July 1, 2021, individuals nineteen years of age or older and under sixty-five years of age who qualify for MO HealthNet services under 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) and as set forth in 42 C.F.R. 435.119, and who have income at or below one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty level plus five percent of the applicable family size as determined under 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(e)(14) and as set forth in 42 C.F.R. 435.603, shall be eligible for medical assistance under MO HealthNet and shall receive coverage for the health benefits service package.

2. For purposes of this section, **the following terms mean:**

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.

- 10 **(1) "Applicable individual", an individual:**
11 **(a) Who either:**
12 **a. Is eligible to enroll in MO HealthNet under the state Medicaid plan under 42**
13 **U.S.C. Section 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII); or**
14 **b. Both:**
15 **(i) Is otherwise eligible to enroll or is enrolled under a waiver of such plan that**
16 **provides coverage that is equivalent to minimum essential coverage; and**
17 **(ii) Is nineteen years of age or older and under sixty-five years of age; is not**
18 **pregnant; is not entitled to, or enrolled for, benefits under Part A of Title XVIII of the**
19 **Social Security Act, or enrolled for benefits under Part B of Title XVIII of the Social**
20 **Security Act; and is not otherwise eligible to enroll under such plan; and**
21 **(b) Who is subject to work requirements;**
22 **(2) "Health benefits service package" ~~[shall mean]~~, benefits covered by the MO**
23 **HealthNet program as determined by the department of social services to meet the benchmark**
24 **or benchmark-equivalent coverage requirement under 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(k)(1) and any**
25 **implementing regulations;**
26 **(3) "Work requirements", the requirements established by 42 U.S.C. Section**
27 **1396a(xx).**
28 **3. The department of social services and the MO HealthNet division shall**
29 **implement work requirements for applicable individuals in accordance with the**
30 **following provisions:**
31 **(1) No applicable individual shall be enrolled in MO HealthNet unless, at the**
32 **time of application, the individual demonstrates compliance with the work requirements**
33 **for the three consecutive months immediately preceding the month during which the**
34 **individual applies. The department of social services and the MO HealthNet division**
35 **shall require documentary evidence and shall not accept self-attestation at the time of**
36 **application;**
37 **(2) No applicable individual shall remain enrolled in MO HealthNet in any**
38 **month unless the individual has demonstrated compliance with the work requirements;**
39 **(3) An applicable individual seeking an exemption from work requirements shall**
40 **provide documentation for the exemption sought. The department of social services and**
41 **the MO HealthNet division shall verify all exemptions. The department of social**
42 **services and the MO HealthNet division shall not accept self-attestation from individuals**
43 **seeking exemptions;**
44 **(4) The department of social services and the MO HealthNet division shall not**
45 **seek or implement any additional optional exemptions under 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a**

46 ~~(xx)(3)(B) or any other optional exemption unless a general statute law expressly~~
47 ~~authorizes the implementation of the exemption;~~

48 **(5) The department of social services and the MO HealthNet division shall not**
49 **accept exemption designations, approvals, or determinations by a managed care**
50 **organization; and**

51 **(6) The department of social services and the MO HealthNet division shall**
52 **disenroll any applicable individual who fails to comply with the work requirements.**

53 **4.** No later than March 1, [2024] **2027**, the ~~[Department of Social Services and the~~
54 ~~MO HealthNet Division]~~ **department of social services and the MO HealthNet division**
55 shall submit all state plan amendments necessary to implement this section to the United
56 States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid
57 Services.

58 ~~[4. The Department of Social Services and the MO HealthNet Division shall take all~~
59 ~~actions necessary to maximize federal financial participation in funding medical assistance~~
60 ~~pursuant to this section.~~

61 ~~5. No greater or additional burdens or restrictions on eligibility or enrollment~~
62 ~~standards, methodologies, or practices shall be imposed on persons eligible for MO~~
63 ~~HealthNet services pursuant to this section than on any other population eligible for medical~~
64 ~~assistance.~~

65 ~~6.]~~ **5.** All references to federal or state statutes, regulations or rules in this section
66 shall be to the version of those statutes, regulations or rules that existed on January 1, [2019]
67 **2027.**

Section B. Pursuant to chapter 116, and other applicable constitutional provisions and
2 laws of this state allowing the general assembly to adopt ballot language for the submission of
3 this joint resolution to the voters of this state, the official summary statement of this
4 resolution shall be as follows:

5 "Shall the Constitution of the State of Missouri be amended to remove language
6 regarding the prohibition on creating new eligibility or enrollment standards for persons
7 eligible for MO HealthNet services and to add language to impose work requirements for
8 persons eligible for MO HealthNet services?".

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