

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 3319

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE NOLTE.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

## AN ACT

To repeal section 208.016, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the personal needs allowance for certain MO HealthNet participants.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

Section A. Section 208.016, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 208.016, to read as follows:

208.016. In determining the amount of an institutionalized MO HealthNet individual's income that is to be applied to payment for the costs of care in the institution, there shall be deducted a personal needs allowance of no less than ~~[thirty dollars per month or the minimum amount required by 42 U.S.C. 1396a(q)(2) if more than thirty dollars. Beginning January 1, 2010, the personal needs allowance shall be increased by an amount equal to the product of the percentage of the Social Security benefit cost-of-living adjustment and the average amount that MO HealthNet participants are required to contribute to the cost of institutionalized care. The annual increase in the personal needs allowance shall be rounded to the nearest whole dollar and shall not exceed five dollars in any year. Once the personal needs allowance reaches fifty dollars, there shall be no further increases unless authorized by annual appropriation]~~ **seventy dollars per month. On January first of each year, the minimum personal needs allowance shall increase by a percentage equal to the percentage increase from the preceding year in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the United States as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics or its successor index.**

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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.