

HB 3319 -- PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN MO HEALTHNET PARTICIPANTS

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Currently, a personal needs allowance of no less than \$30 per month is deducted when determining the amount of an institutionalized MO HealthNet individual's income to be applied to payment for the costs of care in the institution. This bill changes it to no less than \$70 per month and provides that, on January 1 of each year, the minimum personal needs allowance will increase by a percentage equal to the percentage increase from the preceding year in the Consumer Price Index.