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AN ACT

To repeal sections 208.152, 208.153, and 208.659, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof five new sections relating to public fund expenditures.

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

Section A. Sections 208.152, 208.153, and 208.659, RSMo, are repealed and five new 2 sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 192.850, 208.017, 208.152, 208.153, and 208.659, to read as follows:

192.850. 1. This section shall be known as the "Prioritization of Public Funding for Family Planning Act".

- 2. As used in this section, the following terms mean:
- (1) "Department", the Missouri department of health and senior services;
- 5 (2) "Federally qualified health center", a health care provider that is eligible for federal funding under 42 U.S.C. 1396d(1)(2)(B);
 - (3) "Hospital", a primary or tertiary care facility as defined in section 197.020;
 - (4) "Public funds", state funds from any source including, but not limited to, state general revenue funds, state special account and limited purpose grants and loans, and federal funds provided under Titles V, X, XIX, and XX of the Social Security Act;
- (5) "Rural health clinic", a health care provider that is eligible for federal 12 funding under 42 U.S.C. 1395x(aa)(2).
- 13 3. Subject to any applicable requirements of federal statutes, rules, regulations, 14 or guidelines, any expenditures of grants of public funds for family planning services by the state by and through the department shall be made in the following order of 16 priority:

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.

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- 18 (2) To nonpublic hospitals and federally qualified health centers;
- 19 (3) To rural health clinics; and
- 20 (4) To nonpublic health care providers that have as their primary purpose the provision of the primary health care services enumerated in 42 U.S.C. 254b(b)(1).
 - 4. (1) A cause of action in law or equity for recoupment or declaratory or injunctive relief against any person who has intentionally violated this section may be maintained by a county attorney with appropriate jurisdiction or by the attorney general.
 - (2) Any entity eligible for the receipt of public funds, as defined in subdivision (4) of subsection 2 of this section, shall possess standing to bring any action that the county attorney or the attorney general has authority to bring, under the provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection 4 of this section, provided, however, that it is an expenditure or grant of public funds made in violation of this section and has resulted in the reduction of public funds available to such entity. Any award of monetary relief in an action described in this subsection shall be made to an appropriate public officer for deposit into one or more accounts maintained by the state for public funds enumerated in subdivisions (1) through (4) of subsection 2 of this section.
 - (3) If judgment is rendered in favor of the plaintiff in an action described in this subsection, the court shall award reasonable attorney's fees to the plaintiff.
 - (4) If judgment is rendered in favor of the defendant in an action described in this subsection and the court finds that the plaintiff's suit was frivolous and brought in bad faith, the court shall award reasonable attorney's fees to the defendant.
- 208.017. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no public 2 funds shall be expended to any clinic, physician's office, or any other place or facility in 3 which abortions are performed or induced or to any affiliate or associate of any such 4 clinic, physician's office, or place or facility in which abortions are performed or 5 induced. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any hospital, as defined in section 197.020.
- 208.152. 1. MO HealthNet payments shall be made on behalf of those eligible needy persons as described in section 208.151 who are unable to provide for it in whole or in part, with any payments to be made on the basis of the reasonable cost of the care or reasonable 4 charge for the services as defined and determined by the MO HealthNet division, unless 5 otherwise hereinafter provided, for the following:
 - (1) Inpatient hospital services, except to persons in an institution for mental diseases who are under the age of sixty-five years and over the age of twenty-one years; provided that the MO HealthNet division shall provide through rule and regulation an exception process for

9 coverage of inpatient costs in those cases requiring treatment beyond the seventy-fifth 10 percentile professional activities study (PAS) or the MO HealthNet children's diagnosis 11 length-of-stay schedule; and provided further that the MO HealthNet division shall take into 12 account through its payment system for hospital services the situation of hospitals which 13 serve a disproportionate number of low-income patients;

- (2) All outpatient hospital services, payments therefor to be in amounts which represent no more than eighty percent of the lesser of reasonable costs or customary charges for such services, determined in accordance with the principles set forth in Title XVIII A and B, Public Law 89-97, 1965 amendments to the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 301, et seq.), but the MO HealthNet division may evaluate outpatient hospital services rendered under this section and deny payment for services which are determined by the MO HealthNet division not to be medically necessary, in accordance with federal law and regulations;
 - (3) Laboratory and X-ray services;
- (4) Nursing home services for participants, except to persons with more than five hundred thousand dollars equity in their home or except for persons in an institution for mental diseases who are under the age of sixty-five years, when residing in a hospital licensed by the department of health and senior services or a nursing home licensed by the department of health and senior services or appropriate licensing authority of other states or government-owned and -operated institutions which are determined to conform to standards equivalent to licensing requirements in Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 301, et seq.), as amended, for nursing facilities. The MO HealthNet division may recognize through its payment methodology for nursing facilities those nursing facilities which serve a high volume of MO HealthNet patients. The MO HealthNet division when determining the amount of the benefit payments to be made on behalf of persons under the age of twenty-one in a nursing facility may consider nursing facilities furnishing care to persons under the age of twenty-one as a classification separate from other nursing facilities;
- (5) Nursing home costs for participants receiving benefit payments under subdivision (4) of this subsection for those days, which shall not exceed twelve per any period of six consecutive months, during which the participant is on a temporary leave of absence from the hospital or nursing home, provided that no such participant shall be allowed a temporary leave of absence unless it is specifically provided for in his **or her** plan of care. As used in this subdivision, the term "temporary leave of absence" shall include all periods of time during which a participant is away from the hospital or nursing home overnight because he **or she** is visiting a friend or relative;
- (6) Physicians' services, whether furnished in the office, home, hospital, nursing home, or elsewhere; provided that, no funds shall be expended to any clinic, physician's

office, or any other place or facility in which abortions are performed or induced or to any affiliate or associate of any such clinic, physician's office, or place or facility in which abortions are performed or induced;

- (7) Subject to appropriation, up to twenty visits per year for services limited to examinations, diagnoses, adjustments, and manipulations and treatments of malpositioned articulations and structures of the body provided by licensed chiropractic physicians practicing within their scope of practice. Nothing in this subdivision shall be interpreted to otherwise expand MO HealthNet services;
- (8) Drugs and medicines when prescribed by a licensed physician, dentist, podiatrist, or an advanced practice registered nurse; except that no payment for drugs and medicines prescribed on and after January 1, 2006, by a licensed physician, dentist, podiatrist, or an advanced practice registered nurse may be made on behalf of any person who qualifies for prescription drug coverage under the provisions of P.L. 108-173;
- (9) Emergency ambulance services and, effective January 1, 1990, medically necessary transportation to scheduled, physician-prescribed nonelective treatments;
- (10) Early and periodic screening and diagnosis of individuals who are under the age of twenty-one to ascertain their physical or mental defects, and health care, treatment, and other measures to correct or ameliorate defects and chronic conditions discovered thereby. Such services shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of Section 6403 of P.L. 101-239 and federal regulations promulgated thereunder;
 - (11) Home health care services;
- (12) Family planning as defined by federal rules and regulations; provided that, no funds shall be expended to any clinic, physician's office, or any other place or facility in which abortions are performed or induced or to any affiliate or associate of any such clinic, physician's office, or place or facility in which abortions are performed or induced; and further provided, however, that such family planning services shall not include abortions or any abortifacient drug or device that is used for the purpose of inducing an abortion unless such abortions are certified in writing by a physician to the MO HealthNet agency that, in the physician's professional judgment, the life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term;
- (13) Inpatient psychiatric hospital services for individuals under age twenty-one as defined in Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396d, et seq.);
- (14) Outpatient surgical procedures, including presurgical diagnostic services performed in ambulatory surgical facilities which are licensed by the department of health and senior services of the state of Missouri; except, that such outpatient surgical services shall not include persons who are eligible for coverage under Part B of Title XVIII, Public Law 89-97, 1965 amendments to the federal Social Security Act, as amended, if exclusion of such

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persons is permitted under Title XIX, Public Law 89-97, 1965 amendments to the federal Social Security Act, as amended;

(15) Personal care services which are medically oriented tasks having to do with a person's physical requirements, as opposed to housekeeping requirements, which enable a person to be treated by his or her physician on an outpatient rather than on an inpatient or residential basis in a hospital, intermediate care facility, or skilled nursing facility. Personal care services shall be rendered by an individual not a member of the participant's family who is qualified to provide such services where the services are prescribed by a physician in accordance with a plan of treatment and are supervised by a licensed nurse. Persons eligible to receive personal care services shall be those persons who would otherwise require placement in a hospital, intermediate care facility, or skilled nursing facility. Benefits payable for personal care services shall not exceed for any one participant one hundred percent of the average statewide charge for care and treatment in an intermediate care facility for a comparable period of time. Such services, when delivered in a residential care facility or assisted living facility licensed under chapter 198 shall be authorized on a tier level based on the services the resident requires and the frequency of the services. A resident of such facility who qualifies for assistance under section 208.030 shall, at a minimum, if prescribed by a physician, qualify for the tier level with the fewest services. The rate paid to providers for each tier of service shall be set subject to appropriations. Subject to appropriations, each resident of such facility who qualifies for assistance under section 208.030 and meets the level of care required in this section shall, at a minimum, if prescribed by a physician, be authorized up to one hour of personal care services per day. Authorized units of personal care services shall not be reduced or tier level lowered unless an order approving such reduction or lowering is obtained from the resident's personal physician. Such authorized units of personal care services or tier level shall be transferred with such resident if he or she transfers to another such facility. Such provision shall terminate upon receipt of relevant waivers from the federal Department of Health and Human Services. If the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services determines that such provision does not comply with the state plan, this provision shall be null and void. The MO HealthNet division shall notify the revisor of statutes as to whether the relevant waivers are approved or a determination of noncompliance is made;

(16) Mental health services. The state plan for providing medical assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 301, as amended, shall include the following mental health services when such services are provided by community mental health facilities operated by the department of mental health or designated by the department of mental health as a community mental health facility or as an alcohol and drug abuse facility or as a child-serving agency within the comprehensive children's mental health service system

established in section 630.097. The department of mental health shall establish by administrative rule the definition and criteria for designation as a community mental health facility and for designation as an alcohol and drug abuse facility. Such mental health services shall include:

- (a) Outpatient mental health services including preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, and palliative interventions rendered to individuals in an individual or group setting by a mental health professional in accordance with a plan of treatment appropriately established, implemented, monitored, and revised under the auspices of a therapeutic team as a part of client services management;
- (b) Clinic mental health services including preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, and palliative interventions rendered to individuals in an individual or group setting by a mental health professional in accordance with a plan of treatment appropriately established, implemented, monitored, and revised under the auspices of a therapeutic team as a part of client services management;
- (c) Rehabilitative mental health and alcohol and drug abuse services including home and community-based preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, and palliative interventions rendered to individuals in an individual or group setting by a mental health or alcohol and drug abuse professional in accordance with a plan of treatment appropriately established, implemented, monitored, and revised under the auspices of a therapeutic team as a part of client services management. As used in this section, mental health professional and alcohol and drug abuse professional shall be defined by the department of mental health pursuant to duly promulgated rules. With respect to services established by this subdivision, the department of social services, MO HealthNet division, shall enter into an agreement with the department of mental health. Matching funds for outpatient mental health services, clinic mental health services, and rehabilitation services for mental health and alcohol and drug abuse shall be certified by the department of mental health to the MO HealthNet division. The agreement shall establish a mechanism for the joint implementation of the provisions of this subdivision. In addition, the agreement shall establish a mechanism by which rates for services may be jointly developed;
- (17) Such additional services as defined by the MO HealthNet division to be furnished under waivers of federal statutory requirements as provided for and authorized by the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 301, et seq.) subject to appropriation by the general assembly;
- (18) The services of an advanced practice registered nurse with a collaborative practice agreement to the extent that such services are provided in accordance with chapters 334 and 335, and regulations promulgated thereunder;

(19) Nursing home costs for participants receiving benefit payments under subdivision (4) of this subsection to reserve a bed for the participant in the nursing home during the time that the participant is absent due to admission to a hospital for services which cannot be performed on an outpatient basis, subject to the provisions of this subdivision:

- (a) The provisions of this subdivision shall apply only if:
- a. The occupancy rate of the nursing home is at or above ninety-seven percent of MO HealthNet certified licensed beds, according to the most recent quarterly census provided to the department of health and senior services which was taken prior to when the participant is admitted to the hospital; and
- b. The patient is admitted to a hospital for a medical condition with an anticipated stay of three days or less;
- (b) The payment to be made under this subdivision shall be provided for a maximum of three days per hospital stay;
- (c) For each day that nursing home costs are paid on behalf of a participant under this subdivision during any period of six consecutive months such participant shall, during the same period of six consecutive months, be ineligible for payment of nursing home costs of two otherwise available temporary leave of absence days provided under subdivision (5) of this subsection; and
- (d) The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply unless the nursing home receives notice from the participant or the participant's responsible party that the participant intends to return to the nursing home following the hospital stay. If the nursing home receives such notification and all other provisions of this subsection have been satisfied, the nursing home shall provide notice to the participant or the participant's responsible party prior to release of the reserved bed;
- (20) Prescribed medically necessary durable medical equipment. An electronic webbased prior authorization system using best medical evidence and care and treatment guidelines consistent with national standards shall be used to verify medical need;
- (21) Hospice care. As used in this subdivision, the term "hospice care" means a coordinated program of active professional medical attention within a home, outpatient and inpatient care which treats the terminally ill patient and family as a unit, employing a medically directed interdisciplinary team. The program provides relief of severe pain or other physical symptoms and supportive care to meet the special needs arising out of physical, psychological, spiritual, social, and economic stresses which are experienced during the final stages of illness, and during dying and bereavement and meets the Medicare requirements for participation as a hospice as are provided in 42 CFR Part 418. The rate of reimbursement paid by the MO HealthNet division to the hospice provider for room and board furnished by a nursing home to an eligible hospice patient shall not be less than ninety-five percent of the

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rate of reimbursement which would have been paid for facility services in that nursing home facility for that patient, in accordance with subsection (c) of Section 6408 of P.L. 101-239 195 (Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989);

- (22) Prescribed medically necessary dental services. Such services shall be subject to appropriations. An electronic web-based prior authorization system using best medical evidence and care and treatment guidelines consistent with national standards shall be used to verify medical need;
- (23) Prescribed medically necessary optometric services. Such services shall be subject to appropriations. An electronic web-based prior authorization system using best medical evidence and care and treatment guidelines consistent with national standards shall be used to verify medical need;
- (24) Blood clotting products-related services. For persons diagnosed with a bleeding disorder, as defined in section 338.400, reliant on blood clotting products, as defined in section 338.400, such services include:
- (a) Home delivery of blood clotting products and ancillary infusion equipment and supplies, including the emergency deliveries of the product when medically necessary;
- (b) Medically necessary ancillary infusion equipment and supplies required to 210 administer the blood clotting products; and
 - (c) Assessments conducted in the participant's home by a pharmacist, nurse, or local home health care agency trained in bleeding disorders when deemed necessary by the participant's treating physician;
 - (25) The MO HealthNet division shall, by January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, report the status of MO HealthNet provider reimbursement rates as compared to one hundred percent of the Medicare reimbursement rates and compared to the average dental reimbursement rates paid by third-party payors licensed by the state. The MO HealthNet division shall, by July 1, 2008, provide to the general assembly a four-year plan to achieve parity with Medicare reimbursement rates and for third-party payor average dental reimbursement rates. Such plan shall be subject to appropriation and the division shall include in its annual budget request to the governor the necessary funding needed to complete the four-year plan developed under this subdivision.
 - 2. Additional benefit payments for medical assistance shall be made on behalf of those eligible needy children, pregnant women and blind persons with any payments to be made on the basis of the reasonable cost of the care or reasonable charge for the services as defined and determined by the MO HealthNet division, unless otherwise hereinafter provided, for the following:
- 228 (1) Dental services;
- 229 (2) Services of podiatrists as defined in section 330.010;

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- 230 (3) Optometric services as described in section 336.010;
- 231 (4) Orthopedic devices or other prosthetics, including eye glasses, dentures, hearing 232 aids, and wheelchairs;
 - (5) Hospice care. As used in this subdivision, the term "hospice care" means a coordinated program of active professional medical attention within a home, outpatient and inpatient care which treats the terminally ill patient and family as a unit, employing a medically directed interdisciplinary team. The program provides relief of severe pain or other physical symptoms and supportive care to meet the special needs arising out of physical, psychological, spiritual, social, and economic stresses which are experienced during the final stages of illness, and during dying and bereavement and meets the Medicare requirements for participation as a hospice as are provided in 42 CFR Part 418. The rate of reimbursement paid by the MO HealthNet division to the hospice provider for room and board furnished by a nursing home to an eligible hospice patient shall not be less than ninety-five percent of the rate of reimbursement which would have been paid for facility services in that nursing home facility for that patient, in accordance with subsection (c) of Section 6408 of P.L. 101-239 (Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989);
 - (6) Comprehensive day rehabilitation services beginning early posttrauma as part of a coordinated system of care for individuals with disabling impairments. Rehabilitation services must be based on an individualized, goal-oriented, comprehensive and coordinated treatment plan developed, implemented, and monitored through an interdisciplinary assessment designed to restore an individual to optimal level of physical, cognitive, and behavioral function. The MO HealthNet division shall establish by administrative rule the definition and criteria for designation of a comprehensive day rehabilitation service facility, benefit limitations and payment mechanism. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this subdivision shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2005, shall be invalid and void.
 - 3. The MO HealthNet division may require any participant receiving MO HealthNet benefits to pay part of the charge or cost until July 1, 2008, and an additional payment after July 1, 2008, as defined by rule duly promulgated by the MO HealthNet division, for all covered services except for those services covered under subdivisions (15) and (16) of subsection 1 of this section and sections 208.631 to 208.657 to the extent and in the manner authorized by Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396, et seq.)

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267 and regulations thereunder. When substitution of a generic drug is permitted by the prescriber 268 according to section 338.056, and a generic drug is substituted for a name-brand drug, the 269 MO HealthNet division may not lower or delete the requirement to make a co-payment 270 pursuant to regulations of Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act. A provider of goods 271 or services described under this section must collect from all participants the additional 272 payment that may be required by the MO HealthNet division under authority granted herein, 273 if the division exercises that authority, to remain eligible as a provider. Any payments made 274 by participants under this section shall be in addition to and not in lieu of payments made by 275 the state for goods or services described herein except the participant portion of the pharmacy 276 professional dispensing fee shall be in addition to and not in lieu of payments to pharmacists. 277 A provider may collect the co-payment at the time a service is provided or at a later date. A 278 provider shall not refuse to provide a service if a participant is unable to pay a required 279 payment. If it is the routine business practice of a provider to terminate future services to an 280 individual with an unclaimed debt, the provider may include uncollected co-payments under 281 this practice. Providers who elect not to undertake the provision of services based on a 282 history of bad debt shall give participants advance notice and a reasonable opportunity for 283 payment. A provider, representative, employee, independent contractor, or agent of a 284 pharmaceutical manufacturer shall not make co-payment for a participant. This subsection 285 shall not apply to other qualified children, pregnant women, or blind persons. If the Centers 286 for Medicare and Medicaid Services does not approve the MO HealthNet state plan 287 amendment submitted by the department of social services that would allow a provider to 288 deny future services to an individual with uncollected co-payments, the denial of services 289 shall not be allowed. The department of social services shall inform providers regarding the 290 acceptability of denying services as the result of unpaid co-payments. 291

- 4. The MO HealthNet division shall have the right to collect medication samples from participants in order to maintain program integrity.
- 5. Reimbursement for obstetrical and pediatric services under subdivision (6) of subsection 1 of this section shall be timely and sufficient to enlist enough health care providers so that care and services are available under the state plan for MO HealthNet benefits at least to the extent that such care and services are available to the general population in the geographic area, as required under subparagraph (a)(30)(A) of 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a and federal regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 6. Beginning July 1, 1990, reimbursement for services rendered in federally funded health centers shall be in accordance with the provisions of subsection 6402(c) and Section 6404 of P.L. 101-239 (Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989) and federal regulations promulgated thereunder.

- 7. Beginning July 1, 1990, the department of social services shall provide notification and referral of children below age five, and pregnant, breast-feeding, or postpartum women who are determined to be eligible for MO HealthNet benefits under section 208.151 to the special supplemental food programs for women, infants and children administered by the department of health and senior services. Such notification and referral shall conform to the requirements of Section 6406 of P.L. 101-239 and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 8. Providers of long-term care services shall be reimbursed for their costs in accordance with the provisions of Section 1902 (a)(13)(A) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a, as amended, and regulations promulgated thereunder.
- 9. Reimbursement rates to long-term care providers with respect to a total change in ownership, at arm's length, for any facility previously licensed and certified for participation in the MO HealthNet program shall not increase payments in excess of the increase that would result from the application of Section 1902 (a)(13)(C) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a (a)(13)(C).
- 10. The MO HealthNet division may enroll qualified residential care facilities and assisted living facilities, as defined in chapter 198, as MO HealthNet personal care providers.
- 11. Any income earned by individuals eligible for certified extended employment at a sheltered workshop under chapter 178 shall not be considered as income for purposes of determining eligibility under this section.
- 12. If the Missouri Medicaid audit and compliance unit changes any interpretation or application of the requirements for reimbursement for MO HealthNet services from the interpretation or application that has been applied previously by the state in any audit of a MO HealthNet provider, the Missouri Medicaid audit and compliance unit shall notify all affected MO HealthNet providers five business days before such change shall take effect. Failure of the Missouri Medicaid audit and compliance unit to notify a provider of such change shall entitle the provider to continue to receive and retain reimbursement until such notification is provided and shall waive any liability of such provider for recoupment or other loss of any payments previously made prior to the five business days after such notice has been sent. Each provider shall provide the Missouri Medicaid audit and compliance unit a valid email address and shall agree to receive communications electronically. The notification required under this section shall be delivered in writing by the United States Postal Service or electronic mail to each provider.
- 13. Nothing in this section shall be construed to abrogate or limit the department's statutory requirement to promulgate rules under chapter 536.
- 14. Beginning July 1, 2016, and subject to appropriations, providers of behavioral, social, and psychophysiological services for the prevention, treatment, or management of physical health problems shall be reimbursed utilizing the behavior assessment and

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intervention reimbursement codes 96150 to 96154 or their successor codes under the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) coding system. Providers eligible for such reimbursement shall include psychologists.

208.153. 1. Pursuant to and not inconsistent with the provisions of sections 208.151 and 208.152, the MO HealthNet division shall by rule and regulation define the reasonable costs, manner, extent, quantity, quality, charges and fees of MO HealthNet benefits herein provided. The benefits available under these sections shall not replace those provided under other federal or state law or under other contractual or legal entitlements of the persons 5 receiving them, and all persons shall be required to apply for and utilize all benefits available to them and to pursue all causes of action to which they are entitled. Any person entitled to MO HealthNet benefits may obtain it from any provider of services with which an agreement 9 is in effect under this section, excluding those providers prohibited from receiving public 10 **funds under section 208.017**, and which undertakes to provide the services, as authorized by the MO HealthNet division. At the discretion of the director of the MO HealthNet division 12 and with the approval of the governor, the MO HealthNet division is authorized to provide 13 medical benefits for participants receiving public assistance by expending funds for the 14 payment of federal medical insurance premiums, coinsurance and deductibles pursuant to the 15 provisions of Title XVIII B and XIX, Public Law 89-97, 1965 amendments to the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 301, et seq.), as amended. 16

- 2. MO HealthNet shall include benefit payments on behalf of qualified Medicare beneficiaries as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(p). The family support division shall by rule and regulation establish which qualified Medicare beneficiaries are eligible. The MO HealthNet division shall define the premiums, deductible and coinsurance provided for in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(p) to be provided on behalf of the qualified Medicare beneficiaries.
- 3. MO HealthNet shall include benefit payments for Medicare Part A cost sharing as defined in clause (p)(3)(A)(i) of 42 U.S.C. 1396d on behalf of qualified disabled and working individuals as defined in subsection (s) of Section 42 U.S.C. 1396d as required by subsection (d) of Section 6408 of P.L. 101-239 (Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989). The MO HealthNet division may impose a premium for such benefit payments as authorized by paragraph (d)(3) of Section 6408 of P.L. 101-239.
- 4. MO HealthNet shall include benefit payments for Medicare Part B cost sharing described in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396(d)(p)(3)(A)(ii) for individuals described in subsection 2 of this section, but for the fact that their income exceeds the income level established by the state under 42 U.S.C. Section 1396(d)(p)(2) but is less than one hundred and ten percent beginning January 1, 1993, and less than one hundred and twenty percent beginning January 1, 1995, of the official poverty line for a family of the size involved.

5. For an individual eligible for MO HealthNet under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, MO HealthNet shall include payment of enrollee premiums in a group health plan and all deductibles, coinsurance and other cost-sharing for items and services otherwise covered under the state Title XIX plan under Section 1906 of the federal Social Security Act and regulations established under the authority of Section 1906, as may be amended. Enrollment in a group health plan must be cost effective, as established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, before enrollment in the group health plan is required. If all members of a family are not eligible for MO HealthNet and enrollment of the Title XIX eligible members in a group health plan is not possible unless all family members are enrolled, all premiums for noneligible members shall be treated as payment for MO HealthNet of eligible family members. Payment for noneligible family members must be cost effective, taking into account payment of all such premiums. Non-Title XIX eligible family members shall pay all deductible, coinsurance and other cost-sharing obligations. Each individual as a condition of eligibility for MO HealthNet benefits shall apply for enrollment in the group health plan.

- 6. Any Social Security cost-of-living increase at the beginning of any year shall be disregarded until the federal poverty level for such year is implemented.
- 7. If a MO HealthNet participant has paid the requested spenddown in cash for any month and subsequently pays an out-of-pocket valid medical expense for such month, such expense shall be allowed as a deduction to future required spenddown for up to three months from the date of such expense.

208.659. The MO HealthNet division shall revise the eligibility requirements for the uninsured women's health program, as established in 13 CSR Section 70- 4.090, to include women who are at least eighteen years of age and with a net family income of at or below one hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level. In order to be eligible for such program, the applicant shall not have assets in excess of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, nor shall the applicant have access to employer-sponsored health insurance. Such change in eligibility requirements shall not result in any change in services provided under the program. No funds shall be expended to any clinic, physician's office, or any other place or facility in which abortions are performed or induced or to any affiliate or associate of any such clinic, physician's office, or place or facility in which abortions are performed or induced.

Section B. If any provision of section A of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such determination shall not affect the provisions or applications of section A of this act which may be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of section A of this act are severable.

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