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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HOSKINS.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 208.152 and 208.153, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to MO HealthNet providers.

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

- Section A. Sections 208.152 and 208.153, RSMo, are
- 2 repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be
- 3 known as sections 208.152 and 208.153, to read as follows:
 - 208.152. 1. MO HealthNet payments shall be made on
- 2 behalf of those eligible needy persons as described in
- 3 section 208.151 who are unable to provide for it in whole or
- 4 in part, with any payments to be made on the basis of the
- 5 reasonable cost of the care or reasonable charge for the
- 6 services as defined and determined by the MO HealthNet
- 7 division, unless otherwise hereinafter provided, for the
- 8 following:
- 9 (1) Inpatient hospital services, except to persons in
- 10 an institution for mental diseases who are under the age of
- 11 sixty-five years and over the age of twenty-one years;
- 12 provided that the MO HealthNet division shall provide
- 13 through rule and regulation an exception process for
- 14 coverage of inpatient costs in those cases requiring
- 15 treatment beyond the seventy-fifth percentile professional
- 16 activities study (PAS) or the MO HealthNet children's
- 17 diagnosis length-of-stay schedule; and provided further that
- 18 the MO HealthNet division shall take into account through

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19 its payment system for hospital services the situation of 20 hospitals which serve a disproportionate number of low-21 income patients;

- All outpatient hospital services, payments 22 23 therefor to be in amounts which represent no more than 24 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 27 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 31 services which are determined by the MO HealthNet division not to be medically necessary, in accordance with federal 32 law and regulations; 33
 - Laboratory and X-ray services; (3)
- 35 Nursing home services for participants, except to 36 persons with more than five hundred thousand dollars equity 37 in their home or except for persons in an institution for mental diseases who are under the age of sixty-five years, 38 when residing in a hospital licensed by the department of 39 health and senior services or a nursing home licensed by the 40 department of health and senior services or appropriate 41 42 licensing authority of other states or government-owned and operated institutions which are determined to conform to 43 44 standards equivalent to licensing requirements in Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 301, 45 et seq.), as amended, for nursing facilities. 46 47 HealthNet division may recognize through its payment methodology for nursing facilities those nursing facilities 48 which serve a high volume of MO HealthNet patients. 49 HealthNet division when determining the amount of the 50

- 51 benefit payments to be made on behalf of persons under the
- 52 age of twenty-one in a nursing facility may consider nursing
- 53 facilities furnishing care to persons under the age of
- 54 twenty-one as a classification separate from other nursing
- 55 facilities;
- 56 (5) Nursing home costs for participants receiving
- 57 benefit payments under subdivision (4) of this subsection
- 58 for those days, which shall not exceed twelve per any period
- 59 of six consecutive months, during which the participant is
- on a temporary leave of absence from the hospital or nursing
- 61 home, provided that no such participant shall be allowed a
- 62 temporary leave of absence unless it is specifically
- 63 provided for in his plan of care. As used in this
- 64 subdivision, the term "temporary leave of absence" shall
- 65 include all periods of time during which a participant is
- 66 away from the hospital or nursing home overnight because he
- 67 is visiting a friend or relative;
- 68 (6) Physicians' services, whether furnished in the
- 69 office, home, hospital, nursing home, or elsewhere,
- 70 provided, no funds shall be expanded to any abortion
- 71 facility, as defined in section 188.015, or any affiliate or
- 72 associate thereof;
- 73 (7) Subject to appropriation, up to twenty visits per
- 74 year for services limited to examinations, diagnoses,
- 75 adjustments, and manipulations and treatments of
- 76 malpositioned articulations and structures of the body
- 77 provided by licensed chiropractic physicians practicing
- 78 within their scope of practice. Nothing in this subdivision
- 79 shall be interpreted to otherwise expand MO HealthNet
- 80 services;
- 81 (8) Drugs and medicines when prescribed by a licensed
- 82 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

85 licensed physician, dentist, podiatrist, or an advanced

86 practice registered nurse may be made on behalf of any

87 person who qualifies for prescription drug coverage under

88 the provisions of P.L. 108-173;

- 89 (9) Emergency ambulance services and, effective
 90 January 1, 1990, medically necessary transportation to
 91 scheduled, physician-prescribed nonelective treatments;
- 92 (10) Early and periodic screening and diagnosis of individuals who are under the age of twenty-one to ascertain 93 their physical or mental defects, and health care, 94 95 treatment, and other measures to correct or ameliorate defects and chronic conditions discovered thereby. Such 96 services shall be provided in accordance with the provisions 97 98 of Section 6403 of P.L. 101-239 and federal regulations 99 promulgated thereunder;
- 100 (11) Home health care services;
- 101 Family planning as defined by federal rules and regulations; provided, however, that such family planning 102 103 services shall not include abortions or any abortifacient 104 drug or device that is used for the purpose of inducing an abortion unless such abortions are certified in writing by a 105 106 physician to the MO HealthNet agency that, in the 107 physician's professional judgment, the life of the mother 108 would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term;
- 109 (13) Inpatient psychiatric hospital services for 110 individuals under age twenty-one as defined in Title XIX of 111 the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396d, et 112 seq.);
- 113 (14) Outpatient surgical procedures, including
 114 presurgical diagnostic services performed in ambulatory

115 surgical facilities which are licensed by the department of 116 health and senior services of the state of Missouri; except, 117 that such outpatient surgical services shall not include persons who are eliqible for coverage under Part B of Title 118 119 XVIII, Public Law 89-97, 1965 amendments to the federal 120 Social Security Act, as amended, if exclusion of such persons is permitted under Title XIX, Public Law 89-97, 1965 121 122 amendments to the federal Social Security Act, as amended; 123 Personal care services which are medically (15)124 oriented tasks having to do with a person's physical requirements, as opposed to housekeeping requirements, which 125 enable a person to be treated by his or her physician on an 126 127 outpatient rather than on an inpatient or residential basis 128 in a hospital, intermediate care facility, or skilled 129 nursing facility. Personal care services shall be rendered 130 by an individual not a member of the participant's family 131 who is qualified to provide such services where the services 132 are prescribed by a physician in accordance with a plan of 133 treatment and are supervised by a licensed nurse. Persons eligible to receive personal care services shall be those 134 persons who would otherwise require placement in a hospital, 135 intermediate care facility, or skilled nursing facility. 136 Benefits payable for personal care services shall not exceed 137 138 for any one participant one hundred percent of the average 139 statewide charge for care and treatment in an intermediate 140 care facility for a comparable period of time. services, when delivered in a residential care facility or 141 assisted living facility licensed under chapter 198 shall be 142 authorized on a tier level based on the services the 143 144 resident requires and the frequency of the services. A resident of such facility who qualifies for assistance under 145 section 208.030 shall, at a minimum, if prescribed by a 146

147 physician, qualify for the tier level with the fewest 148 services. The rate paid to providers for each tier of 149 service shall be set subject to appropriations. Subject to 150 appropriations, each resident of such facility who qualifies for assistance under section 208.030 and meets the level of 151 152 care required in this section shall, at a minimum, if 153 prescribed by a physician, be authorized up to one hour of 154 personal care services per day. Authorized units of personal care services shall not be reduced or tier level 155 156 lowered unless an order approving such reduction or lowering 157 is obtained from the resident's personal physician. authorized units of personal care services or tier level 158 shall be transferred with such resident if he or she 159 160 transfers to another such facility. Such provision shall 161 terminate upon receipt of relevant waivers from the federal 162 Department of Health and Human Services. If the Centers for 163 Medicare and Medicaid Services determines that such provision does not comply with the state plan, this 164 provision shall be null and void. The MO HealthNet division 165 shall notify the revisor of statutes as to whether the 166 relevant waivers are approved or a determination of 167 noncompliance is made; 168 169 Mental health services. The state plan for (16)170 providing medical assistance under Title XIX of the Social 171 Security Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 301, as amended, shall 172 include the following mental health services when such services are provided by community mental health facilities 173 operated by the department of mental health or designated by 174 the department of mental health as a community mental health 175 176 facility or as an alcohol and drug abuse facility or as a 177 child-serving agency within the comprehensive children's mental health service system established in section 178

179 630.097. The department of mental health shall establish by

- 180 administrative rule the definition and criteria for
- 181 designation as a community mental health facility and for
- 182 designation as an alcohol and drug abuse facility. Such
- 183 mental health services shall include:
- 184 (a) Outpatient mental health services including
- 185 preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, and
- 186 palliative interventions rendered to individuals in an
- individual or group setting by a mental health professional
- in accordance with a plan of treatment appropriately
- 189 established, implemented, monitored, and revised under the
- 190 auspices of a therapeutic team as a part of client services
- 191 management;
- 192 (b) Clinic mental health services including
- 193 preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, and
- 194 palliative interventions rendered to individuals in an
- 195 individual or group setting by a mental health professional
- in accordance with a plan of treatment appropriately
- 197 established, implemented, monitored, and revised under the
- 198 auspices of a therapeutic team as a part of client services
- 199 management;
- 200 (c) Rehabilitative mental health and alcohol and drug
- 201 abuse services including home and community-based
- 202 preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, and
- 203 palliative interventions rendered to individuals in an
- 204 individual or group setting by a mental health or alcohol
- 205 and drug abuse professional in accordance with a plan of
- treatment appropriately established, implemented, monitored,
- 207 and revised under the auspices of a therapeutic team as a
- 208 part of client services management. As used in this
- 209 section, mental health professional and alcohol and drug
- 210 abuse professional shall be defined by the department of

211 mental health pursuant to duly promulgated rules. With 212 respect to services established by this subdivision, the 213 department of social services, MO HealthNet division, shall enter into an agreement with the department of mental 214 215 health. Matching funds for outpatient mental health 216 services, clinic mental health services, and rehabilitation services for mental health and alcohol and drug abuse shall 217 218 be certified by the department of mental health to the MO 219 HealthNet division. The agreement shall establish a 220 mechanism for the joint implementation of the provisions of 221 this subdivision. In addition, the agreement shall establish a mechanism by which rates for services may be 222 223 jointly developed; 224 Such additional services as defined by the MO (17)225 HealthNet division to be furnished under waivers of federal 226 statutory requirements as provided for and authorized by the 227 federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 301, et seq.) 228 subject to appropriation by the general assembly; 229 The services of an advanced practice registered nurse with a collaborative practice agreement to the extent 230 that such services are provided in accordance with chapters 231 334 and 335, and regulations promulgated thereunder; 232 233 Nursing home costs for participants receiving 234 benefit payments under subdivision (4) of this subsection to 235 reserve a bed for the participant in the nursing home during 236 the time that the participant is absent due to admission to a hospital for services which cannot be performed on an 237

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- 242 The occupancy rate of the nursing home is at or 243 above ninety-seven percent of MO HealthNet certified 244 licensed beds, according to the most recent quarterly census provided to the department of health and senior services 245 which was taken prior to when the participant is admitted to 246 247 the hospital; and
 - The patient is admitted to a hospital for a medical condition with an anticipated stay of three days or less;
- 250 The payment to be made under this subdivision (b) 251 shall be provided for a maximum of three days per hospital 252 stay;
- 253 For each day that nursing home costs are paid on 254 behalf of a participant under this subdivision during any 255 period of six consecutive months such participant shall, 256 during the same period of six consecutive months, be 257 ineligible for payment of nursing home costs of two 258 otherwise available temporary leave of absence days provided under subdivision (5) of this subsection; and 259
- The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply unless the nursing home receives notice from the participant 261 or the participant's responsible party that the participant 262 intends to return to the nursing home following the hospital 263 stay. If the nursing home receives such notification and 265 all other provisions of this subsection have been satisfied, 266 the nursing home shall provide notice to the participant or 267 the participant's responsible party prior to release of the reserved bed; 268
- (20) Prescribed medically necessary durable medical 269 equipment. An electronic web-based prior authorization 270 271 system using best medical evidence and care and treatment 272 quidelines consistent with national standards shall be used to verify medical need; 273

274 Hospice care. As used in this subdivision, the term "hospice care" means a coordinated program of active 275 276 professional medical attention within a home, outpatient and 277 inpatient care which treats the terminally ill patient and 278 family as a unit, employing a medically directed 279 interdisciplinary team. The program provides relief of severe pain or other physical symptoms and supportive care 280 281 to meet the special needs arising out of physical, 282 psychological, spiritual, social, and economic stresses 283 which are experienced during the final stages of illness, 284 and during dying and bereavement and meets the Medicare 285 requirements for participation as a hospice as are provided in 42 CFR Part 418. The rate of reimbursement paid by the 286 287 MO HealthNet division to the hospice provider for room and 288 board furnished by a nursing home to an eligible hospice 289 patient shall not be less than ninety-five percent of the 290 rate of reimbursement which would have been paid for facility services in that nursing home facility for that 291 patient, in accordance with subsection (c) of Section 6408 292 293 of P.L. 101-239 (Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989); 294 Prescribed medically necessary dental services. Such services shall be subject to appropriations. An 295 296 electronic web-based prior authorization system using best 297 medical evidence and care and treatment guidelines consistent with national standards shall be used to verify 298 299 medical need; 300 Prescribed medically necessary optometric (23)services. Such services shall be subject to 301 appropriations. An electronic web-based prior authorization 302 303 system using best medical evidence and care and treatment 304 quidelines consistent with national standards shall be used to verify medical need; 305

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306 (24) Blood clotting products-related services. For 307 persons diagnosed with a bleeding disorder, as defined in 308 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 administer the blood clotting products; and
- 316 (c) Assessments conducted in the participant's home by
 317 a pharmacist, nurse, or local home health care agency
 318 trained in bleeding disorders when deemed necessary by the
 319 participant's treating physician;
- 320 The MO HealthNet division shall, by January 1, 321 2008, and annually thereafter, report the status of MO HealthNet provider reimbursement rates as compared to one 322 hundred percent of the Medicare reimbursement rates and 323 324 compared to the average dental reimbursement rates paid by third-party payors licensed by the state. The MO HealthNet 325 division shall, by July 1, 2008, provide to the general 326 327 assembly a four-year plan to achieve parity with Medicare reimbursement rates and for third-party payor average dental 328 329 reimbursement rates. Such plan shall be subject to 330 appropriation and the division shall include in its annual 331 budget request to the governor the necessary funding needed to complete the four-year plan developed under this 332 333 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

338 reasonable charge for the services as defined and determined 339 by the MO HealthNet division, unless otherwise hereinafter 340 provided, for the following:

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- 342 (2) Services of podiatrists as defined in section 343 330.010;
- Optometric services as described in section 344 (3) 336.010; 345
- 346 Orthopedic devices or other prosthetics, including (4)347 eye glasses, dentures, hearing aids, and wheelchairs;
- Hospice care. As used in this subdivision, the 348 term "hospice care" means a coordinated program of active 349 350 professional medical attention within a home, outpatient and 351 inpatient care which treats the terminally ill patient and 352 family as a unit, employing a medically directed 353 interdisciplinary team. The program provides relief of 354 severe pain or other physical symptoms and supportive care to meet the special needs arising out of physical, 355 356 psychological, spiritual, social, and economic stresses which are experienced during the final stages of illness, 357 and during dying and bereavement and meets the Medicare 358 359 requirements for participation as a hospice as are provided 360 in 42 CFR Part 418. The rate of reimbursement paid by the 361 MO HealthNet division to the hospice provider for room and 362 board furnished by a nursing home to an eligible hospice 363 patient shall not be less than ninety-five percent of the rate of reimbursement which would have been paid for 364
- of P.L. 101-239 (Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989); (6) Comprehensive day rehabilitation services 368 beginning early posttrauma as part of a coordinated system 369

facility services in that nursing home facility for that

patient, in accordance with subsection (c) of Section 6408

- of care for individuals with disabling impairments.
- 371 Rehabilitation services must be based on an individualized,
- 372 goal-oriented, comprehensive and coordinated treatment plan
- 373 developed, implemented, and monitored through an
- interdisciplinary assessment designed to restore an
- 375 individual to optimal level of physical, cognitive, and
- 376 behavioral function. The MO HealthNet division shall
- 377 establish by administrative rule the definition and criteria
- 378 for designation of a comprehensive day rehabilitation
- 379 service facility, benefit limitations and payment
- 380 mechanism. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is
- defined in section 536.010, that is created under the
- 382 authority delegated in this subdivision shall become
- 383 effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of
- the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section
- 385 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and
- 386 if any of the powers vested with the general assembly
- pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
- 388 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently
- 389 held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
- 390 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28,
- 391 2005, shall be invalid and void.
- 392 3. The MO HealthNet division may require any
- 393 participant receiving MO HealthNet benefits to pay part of
- 394 the charge or cost until July 1, 2008, and an additional
- 395 payment after July 1, 2008, as defined by rule duly
- 396 promulgated by the MO HealthNet division, for all covered
- 397 services except for those services covered under
- 398 subdivisions (15) and (16) of subsection 1 of this section
- and sections 208.631 to 208.657 to the extent and in the
- 400 manner authorized by Title XIX of the federal Social
- 401 Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396, et seq.) and

402 regulations thereunder. When substitution of a generic drug 403 is permitted by the prescriber according to section 338.056, 404 and a generic drug is substituted for a name-brand drug, the MO HealthNet division may not lower or delete the 405 406 requirement to make a co-payment pursuant to regulations of 407 Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act. A provider of goods or services described under this section must collect 408 409 from all participants the additional payment that may be 410 required by the MO HealthNet division under authority 411 granted herein, if the division exercises that authority, to remain eligible as a provider. Any payments made by 412 participants under this section shall be in addition to and 413 414 not in lieu of payments made by the state for goods or 415 services described herein except the participant portion of the pharmacy professional dispensing fee shall be in 416 417 addition to and not in lieu of payments to pharmacists. A 418 provider may collect the co-payment at the time a service is provided or at a later date. A provider shall not refuse to 419 420 provide a service if a participant is unable to pay a required payment. If it is the routine business practice of 421 a provider to terminate future services to an individual 422 423 with an unclaimed debt, the provider may include uncollected co-payments under this practice. Providers who elect not to 424 425 undertake the provision of services based on a history of 426 bad debt shall give participants advance notice and a 427 reasonable opportunity for payment. A provider, representative, employee, independent contractor, or agent 428 of a pharmaceutical manufacturer shall not make co-payment 429 for a participant. This subsection shall not apply to other 430 431 qualified children, pregnant women, or blind persons. If the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services does not 432 approve the MO HealthNet state plan amendment submitted by 433

the department of social services that would allow a
provider to deny future services to an individual with
uncollected co-payments, the denial of services shall not be
allowed. The department of social services shall inform
providers regarding the acceptability of denying services as
the result of unpaid co-payments.

- 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.
- 487 If the Missouri Medicaid audit and compliance unit 488 changes any interpretation or application of the 489 requirements for reimbursement for MO HealthNet services 490 from the interpretation or application that has been applied 491 previously by the state in any audit of a MO HealthNet provider, the Missouri Medicaid audit and compliance unit 492 shall notify all affected MO HealthNet providers five 493 494 business days before such change shall take effect. Failure 495 of the Missouri Medicaid audit and compliance unit to notify a provider of such change shall entitle the provider to 496

continue to receive and retain reimbursement until such 497 498 notification is provided and shall waive any liability of 499 such provider for recoupment or other loss of any payments 500 previously made prior to the five business days after such 501 notice has been sent. Each provider shall provide the 502 Missouri Medicaid audit and compliance unit a valid email address and shall agree to receive communications 503 504 electronically. The notification required under this

- 505 section shall be delivered in writing by the United States
- 506 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
 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.
- 519 15. There shall be no payments made under this section 520 for gender transition surgeries, cross-sex hormones, or 521 puberty-blocking drugs, as such terms are defined in section 522 191.1720, for the purpose of a gender transition.

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

6 available under these sections shall not replace those

- 7 provided under other federal or state law or under other
- 8 contractual or legal entitlements of the persons receiving
- 9 them, and all persons shall be required to apply for and
- 10 utilize all benefits available to them and to pursue all
- 11 causes of action to which they are entitled. Any person
- 12 entitled to MO HealthNet benefits may obtain it from any
- 13 provider of services with which an agreement is in effect
- 14 under this section and which undertakes to provide the
- 15 services, as authorized by the MO HealthNet division,
- 16 provided, said provider shall not include any abortion
- 17 facility, as defined in section 188.015, or any affiliate or
- 18 associate thereof. At the discretion of the director of the
- 19 MO HealthNet division and with the approval of the governor,
- 20 the MO HealthNet division is authorized to provide medical
- 21 benefits for participants receiving public assistance by
- 22 expending funds for the payment of federal medical insurance
- 23 premiums, coinsurance and deductibles pursuant to the
- 24 provisions of Title XVIII B and XIX, Public Law 89-97, 1965
- 25 amendments to the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
- 26 301, et seq.), as amended.
- 2. MO HealthNet shall include benefit payments on
- 28 behalf of qualified Medicare beneficiaries as defined in 42
- 29 U.S.C. Section 1396d(p). The family support division shall
- 30 by rule and regulation establish which qualified Medicare
- 31 beneficiaries are eligible. The MO HealthNet division shall
- 32 define the premiums, deductible and coinsurance provided for
- in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(p) to be provided on behalf of
- 34 the qualified Medicare beneficiaries.
- 35 3. MO HealthNet shall include benefit payments for
- 36 Medicare Part A cost sharing as defined in clause
- **37** (p)(3)(A)(i) of 42 U.S.C. 1396d on behalf of qualified
- 38 disabled and working individuals as defined in subsection

- 39 (s) of Section 42 U.S.C. 1396d as required by subsection (d)
- 40 of Section 6408 of P.L. 101-239 (Omnibus Budget
- 41 Reconciliation Act of 1989). The MO HealthNet division may
- 42 impose a premium for such benefit payments as authorized by
- 43 paragraph (d)(3) of Section 6408 of P.L. 101-239.
- 4. MO HealthNet shall include benefit payments for
- 45 Medicare Part B cost sharing described in 42 U.S.C. Section
- 46 1396(d)(p)(3)(A)(ii) for individuals described in subsection
- 47 2 of this section, but for the fact that their income
- 48 exceeds the income level established by the state under 42
- 49 U.S.C. Section 1396(d)(p)(2) but is less than one hundred
- 50 and ten percent beginning January 1, 1993, and less than one
- 51 hundred and twenty percent beginning January 1, 1995, of the
- 52 official poverty line for a family of the size involved.
- 5. For an individual eligible for MO HealthNet under
- 54 Title XIX of the Social Security Act, MO HealthNet shall
- 55 include payment of enrollee premiums in a group health plan
- 56 and all deductibles, coinsurance and other cost-sharing for
- 57 items and services otherwise covered under the state Title
- 58 XIX plan under Section 1906 of the federal Social Security
- 59 Act and regulations established under the authority of
- 60 Section 1906, as may be amended. Enrollment in a group
- 61 health plan must be cost effective, as established by the
- 62 Secretary of Health and Human Services, before enrollment in
- 63 the group health plan is required. If all members of a
- 64 family are not eligible for MO HealthNet and enrollment of
- 65 the Title XIX eligible members in a group health plan is not
- 66 possible unless all family members are enrolled, all
- 67 premiums for noneligible members shall be treated as payment
- 68 for MO HealthNet of eligible family members. Payment for
- 69 noneligible family members must be cost effective, taking
- 70 into account payment of all such premiums. Non-Title XIX

- 71 eligible family members shall pay all deductible,
- 72 coinsurance and other cost-sharing obligations. Each
- 73 individual as a condition of eligibility for MO HealthNet
- 74 benefits shall apply for enrollment in the group health plan.
- 75 6. Any Social Security cost-of-living increase at the
- 76 beginning of any year shall be disregarded until the federal
- 77 poverty level for such year is implemented.
- 78 7. If a MO HealthNet participant has paid the
- 79 requested spenddown in cash for any month and subsequently
- 80 pays an out-of-pocket valid medical expense for such month,
- 81 such expense shall be allowed as a deduction to future
- 82 required spenddown for up to three months from the date of
- 83 such expense.