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# **HOUSE BILL NO. 2**

# **101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHROER.

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# AN ACT

To repeal sections 208.152, 208.153, 208.164, and 208.659, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof six new sections relating to health care.

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

Section A. Sections 208.152, 208.153, 208.164, and 208.659, RSMo, are repealed and 2 six new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 188.202, 188.207, 208.152, 3 208.153, 208.164, and 208.659, to read as follows:

188.202. 1. No federal act, law, executive order, administrative order, rule, or 2 regulation shall infringe on the right of the people of Missouri to:

3 (1) Protect state sovereignty and state taxpayers by restricting public funds, public 4 facilities, and public employees from being used to perform, induce, or assist in an 5 abortion, except as provided for in state statutes;

6 (2) Encourage childbirth over abortion in the use of the state's public funds, public 7 facilities, and public employees;

8 (3) Defend the religious beliefs or moral convictions of any person who, or entity
9 which, does not want to be forced to directly or indirectly fund or participate in abortion;
10 (4) Prevent the state or its political subdivisions from being coerced, compelled, or

commandeered by the federal government to enact, administer, or enforce a federal
 regulatory program that directly or indirectly funds abortion; and

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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(5) Prohibit the federal government from commanding or conscripting public
 officials of the state or its political subdivisions to enforce a federal regulatory program
 that directly or indirectly funds abortion.

2. In any action to enforce the provisions of sections 188.200 to 188.215 by a taxpayer under the provisions of section 188.200, a court of competent jurisdiction may order injunctive or other equitable relief, recovery of damages or other legal remedies, or both, as well as payment of reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and expenses of the taxpayer. The relief and remedies set forth shall not be deemed exclusive and shall be in addition to any other relief or remedies permitted by law.

3. In addition to a cause of action brought by a taxpayer under section 188.220, the
attorney general is also authorized to bring a cause of action to enforce the provisions of
sections 188.200 to 188.215.

188.207. It shall be unlawful for any public funds to be expended to any abortion 2 facility, or to any affiliate or associate of such abortion facility.

208.152. 1. MO HealthNet payments shall be made on behalf of those eligible needy 2 persons as described in section 208.151 who are unable to provide for it in whole or in part, with 3 any payments to be made on the basis of the reasonable cost of the care or reasonable charge for 4 the services as defined and determined by the MO HealthNet division, unless otherwise 5 hereinafter provided, for the following:

6 (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 7 8 HealthNet division shall provide through rule and regulation an exception process for coverage 9 of inpatient costs in those cases requiring treatment beyond the seventy-fifth percentile 10 professional activities study (PAS) or the MO HealthNet children's diagnosis length-of-stay 11 schedule; and provided further that the MO HealthNet division shall take into account through 12 its payment system for hospital services the situation of hospitals which serve a disproportionate 13 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;

21 (3) Laboratory and X-ray services;

22 (4) Nursing home services for participants, except to persons with more than five 23 hundred thousand dollars equity in their home or except for persons in an institution for mental 24 diseases who are under the age of sixty-five years, when residing in a hospital licensed by the 25 department of health and senior services or a nursing home licensed by the department of health 26 and senior services or appropriate licensing authority of other states or government-owned and 27 -operated institutions which are determined to conform to standards equivalent to licensing 28 requirements in Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 301, et seq.), as 29 amended, for nursing facilities. The MO HealthNet division may recognize through its payment 30 methodology for nursing facilities those nursing facilities which serve a high volume of MO 31 HealthNet patients. The MO HealthNet division when determining the amount of the benefit 32 payments to be made on behalf of persons under the age of twenty-one in a nursing facility may 33 consider nursing facilities furnishing care to persons under the age of twenty-one as a 34 classification separate from other nursing facilities;

35 (5) Nursing home costs for participants receiving benefit payments under subdivision 36 (4) of this subsection for those days, which shall not exceed twelve per any period of six 37 consecutive months, during which the participant is on a temporary leave of absence from the 38 hospital or nursing home, provided that no such participant shall be allowed a temporary leave 39 of absence unless it is specifically provided for in his or her plan of care. As used in this 40 subdivision, the term "temporary leave of absence" shall include all periods of time during which 41 a participant is away from the hospital or nursing home overnight because he or she is visiting 42 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 abortion facility, as defined
in section 188.015, or to any affiliate or associate of such abortion facility;

46 (7) Subject to appropriation, up to twenty visits per year for services limited to 47 examinations, diagnoses, adjustments, and manipulations and treatments of malpositioned 48 articulations and structures of the body provided by licensed chiropractic physicians practicing 49 within their scope of practice. Nothing in this subdivision shall be interpreted to otherwise 50 expand MO HealthNet services;

51 (8) Drugs and medicines when prescribed by a licensed physician, dentist, podiatrist, or 52 an advanced practice registered nurse; except that no payment for drugs and medicines 53 prescribed on and after January 1, 2006, by a licensed physician, dentist, podiatrist, or an 54 advanced practice registered nurse may be made on behalf of any person who qualifies for 55 prescription drug coverage under the provisions of P.L. 108-173;

56 (9) Emergency ambulance services and, effective January 1, 1990, medically necessary 57 transportation to scheduled, physician-prescribed nonelective treatments;

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(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;

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(11) Home health care services;

64 (12) Family planning as defined by federal rules and regulations; provided that, no 65 funds shall be expended to any abortion facility, as defined in section 188.015, or to any 66 affiliate or associate of such abortion facility; and further provided, however, that such 67 family planning services shall not include abortions unless such abortions are certified in writing 68 by a physician to the MO HealthNet agency that, in the physician's professional judgment, the 69 life of the mother would be endangered if the fetus were carried to term;

70 (13) Inpatient psychiatric hospital services for individuals under age twenty-one as 71 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 persons is permitted under Title XIX, Public Law 89-97, 1965 amendments to the federal Social Security Act, as amended;

79 (15) Personal care services which are medically oriented tasks having to do with a 80 person's physical requirements, as opposed to housekeeping requirements, which enable a person 81 to be treated by his or her physician on an outpatient rather than on an inpatient or residential 82 basis in a hospital, intermediate care facility, or skilled nursing facility. Personal care services 83 shall be rendered by an individual not a member of the participant's family who is qualified to 84 provide such services where the services are prescribed by a physician in accordance with a plan 85 of treatment and are supervised by a licensed nurse. Persons eligible to receive personal care 86 services shall be those persons who would otherwise require placement in a hospital, 87 intermediate care facility, or skilled nursing facility. Benefits payable for personal care services 88 shall not exceed for any one participant one hundred percent of the average statewide charge for 89 care and treatment in an intermediate care facility for a comparable period of time. Such 90 services, when delivered in a residential care facility or assisted living facility licensed under 91 chapter 198 shall be authorized on a tier level based on the services the resident requires and the 92 frequency of the services. A resident of such facility who qualifies for assistance under section 93 208.030 shall, at a minimum, if prescribed by a physician, qualify for the tier level with the

94 fewest services. The rate paid to providers for each tier of service shall be set subject to 95 Subject to appropriations, each resident of such facility who qualifies for appropriations. 96 assistance under section 208.030 and meets the level of care required in this section shall, at a 97 minimum, if prescribed by a physician, be authorized up to one hour of personal care services 98 per day. Authorized units of personal care services shall not be reduced or tier level lowered 99 unless an order approving such reduction or lowering is obtained from the resident's personal 100 physician. Such authorized units of personal care services or tier level shall be transferred with 101 such resident if he or she transfers to another such facility. Such provision shall terminate upon 102 receipt of relevant waivers from the federal Department of Health and Human Services. If the 103 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services determines that such provision does not comply 104 with the state plan, this provision shall be null and void. The MO HealthNet division shall notify 105 the revisor of statutes as to whether the relevant waivers are approved or a determination of 106 noncompliance is made;

107 (16) Mental health services. The state plan for providing medical assistance under Title 108 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 109 110 operated by the department of mental health or designated by the department of mental health 111 as a community mental health facility or as an alcohol and drug abuse facility or as a 112 child-serving agency within the comprehensive children's mental health service system 113 established in section 630.097. The department of mental health shall establish by administrative 114 rule the definition and criteria for designation as a community mental health facility and for 115 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;

121 (b) Clinic mental health services including preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, 122 rehabilitative, and palliative interventions rendered to individuals in an individual or group 123 setting by a mental health professional in accordance with a plan of treatment appropriately 124 established, implemented, monitored, and revised under the auspices of a therapeutic team as a 125 part of client services management;

126 (c) Rehabilitative mental health and alcohol and drug abuse services including home and 127 community-based preventive, diagnostic, therapeutic, rehabilitative, and palliative interventions 128 rendered to individuals in an individual or group setting by a mental health or alcohol and drug 129 abuse professional in accordance with a plan of treatment appropriately established,

130 implemented, monitored, and revised under the auspices of a therapeutic team as a part of client 131 services management. As used in this section, mental health professional and alcohol and drug 132 abuse professional shall be defined by the department of mental health pursuant to duly 133 promulgated rules. With respect to services established by this subdivision, the department of 134 social services, MO HealthNet division, shall enter into an agreement with the department of 135 mental health. Matching funds for outpatient mental health services, clinic mental health 136 services, and rehabilitation services for mental health and alcohol and drug abuse shall be 137 certified by the department of mental health to the MO HealthNet division. The agreement shall 138 establish a mechanism for the joint implementation of the provisions of this subdivision. In 139 addition, the agreement shall establish a mechanism by which rates for services may be jointly 140 developed;

141 (17) Such additional services as defined by the MO HealthNet division to be furnished
142 under waivers of federal statutory requirements as provided for and authorized by the federal
143 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 301, et seq.) subject to appropriation by the general
144 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:

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(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 stayof three days or less;

(b) The payment to be made under this subdivision shall be provided for a maximum ofthree days per hospital stay;

161 (c) For each day that nursing home costs are paid on behalf of a participant under this 162 subdivision during any period of six consecutive months such participant shall, during the same 163 period of six consecutive months, be ineligible for payment of nursing home costs of two 164 otherwise available temporary leave of absence days provided under subdivision (5) of this 165 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
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;

175 (21) Hospice care. As used in this subdivision, the term "hospice care" means a 176 coordinated program of active professional medical attention within a home, outpatient and 177 inpatient care which treats the terminally ill patient and family as a unit, employing a medically 178 directed interdisciplinary team. The program provides relief of severe pain or other physical 179 symptoms and supportive care to meet the special needs arising out of physical, psychological, 180 spiritual, social, and economic stresses which are experienced during the final stages of illness, 181 and during dying and bereavement and meets the Medicare requirements for participation as a 182 hospice as are provided in 42 CFR Part 418. The rate of reimbursement paid by the MO 183 HealthN et division to the hospice provider for room and board furnished by a nursing home to 184 an eligible hospice patient shall not be less than ninety-five percent of the rate of reimbursement 185 which would have been paid for facility services in that nursing home facility for that patient, 186 in accordance with subsection (c) of Section 6408 of P.L. 101-239 (Omnibus Budget 187 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:

199 (a) Home delivery of blood clotting products and ancillary infusion equipment and 200 supplies, including the emergency deliveries of the product when medically necessary;

201 (b) Medically necessary ancillary infusion equipment and supplies required to administer 202 the blood clotting products; and

203 (c) Assessments conducted in the participant's home by a pharmacist, nurse, or local 204 home health care agency trained in bleeding disorders when deemed necessary by the 205 participant's treating physician;

206 (25) The MO HealthNet division shall, by January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, 207 report the status of MO HealthNet provider reimbursement rates as compared to one hundred 208 percent of the Medicare reimbursement rates and compared to the average dental reimbursement 209 rates paid by third-party payors licensed by the state. The MO HealthNet division shall, by July 210 1, 2008, provide to the general assembly a four-year plan to achieve parity with Medicare 211 reimbursement rates and for third-party payor average dental reimbursement rates. Such plan 212 shall be subject to appropriation and the division shall include in its annual budget request to the 213 governor the necessary funding needed to complete the four-year plan developed under this 214 subdivision.

215 2. Additional benefit payments for medical assistance shall be made on behalf of those 216 eligible needy children, pregnant women and blind persons with any payments to be made on the 217 basis of the reasonable cost of the care or reasonable charge for the services as defined and 218 determined by the MO HealthNet division, unless otherwise hereinafter provided, for the 219 following:

220 (1) Dental services;

221 (2) Services of podiatrists as defined in section 330.010;

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(3) Optometric services as described in section 336.010;

(4) Orthopedic devices or other prosthetics, including eye glasses, dentures, hearing aids,and wheelchairs;

225 Hospice care. As used in this subdivision, the term "hospice care" means a (5) 226 coordinated program of active professional medical attention within a home, outpatient and 227 inpatient care which treats the terminally ill patient and family as a unit, employing a medically 228 directed interdisciplinary team. The program provides relief of severe pain or other physical 229 symptoms and supportive care to meet the special needs arising out of physical, psychological, 230 spiritual, social, and economic stresses which are experienced during the final stages of illness, 231 and during dying and bereavement and meets the Medicare requirements for participation as a 232 hospice as are provided in 42 CFR Part 418. The rate of reimbursement paid by the MO 233 HealthNet division to the hospice provider for room and board furnished by a nursing home to 234 an eligible hospice patient shall not be less than ninety-five percent of the rate of reimbursement 235 which would have been paid for facility services in that nursing home facility for that patient,

236 in accordance with subsection (c) of Section 6408 of P.L. 101-239 (Omnibus Budget 237 Reconciliation Act of 1989);

238 (6) Comprehensive day rehabilitation services beginning early posttrauma as part of a 239 coordinated system of care for individuals with disabling impairments. Rehabilitation services 240 must be based on an individualized, goal-oriented, comprehensive and coordinated treatment 241 plan developed, implemented, and monitored through an interdisciplinary assessment designed 242 to restore an individual to optimal level of physical, cognitive, and behavioral function. The MO 243 HealthNet division shall establish by administrative rule the definition and criteria for 244 designation of a comprehensive day rehabilitation service facility, benefit limitations and 245 payment mechanism. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, 246 that is created under the authority delegated in this subdivision shall become effective only if it 247 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 248 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the 249 general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove 250 and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority 251 and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2005, shall be invalid and void.

252 3. The MO HealthNet division may require any participant receiving MO HealthNet 253 benefits to pay part of the charge or cost until July 1, 2008, and an additional payment after July 254 1, 2008, as defined by rule duly promulgated by the MO HealthNet division, for all covered 255 services except for those services covered under subdivisions (15) and (16) of subsection 1 of 256 this section and sections 208.631 to 208.657 to the extent and in the manner authorized by Title 257 XIX of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1396, et seq.) and regulations 258 thereunder. When substitution of a generic drug is permitted by the prescriber according to 259 section 338.056, and a generic drug is substituted for a name-brand drug, the MO HealthNet 260 division may not lower or delete the requirement to make a co-payment pursuant to regulations 261 of Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act. A provider of goods or services described under 262 this section must collect from all participants the additional payment that may be required by the 263 MO HealthNet division under authority granted herein, if the division exercises that authority, 264 to remain eligible as a provider. Any payments made by participants under this section shall be 265 in addition to and not in lieu of payments made by the state for goods or services described 266 herein except the participant portion of the pharmacy professional dispensing fee shall be in 267 addition to and not in lieu of payments to pharmacists. A provider may collect the co-payment 268 at the time a service is provided or at a later date. A provider shall not refuse to provide a service 269 if a participant is unable to pay a required payment. If it is the routine business practice of a 270 provider to terminate future services to an individual with an unclaimed debt, the provider may 271 include uncollected co-payments under this practice. Providers who elect not to undertake the

272 provision of services based on a history of bad debt shall give participants advance notice and 273 a reasonable opportunity for payment. A provider, representative, employee, independent 274 contractor, or agent of a pharmaceutical manufacturer shall not make co-payment for a 275 participant. This subsection shall not apply to other qualified children, pregnant women, or blind 276 persons. If the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services does not approve the MO HealthNet 277 state plan amendment submitted by the department of social services that would allow a provider 278 to deny future services to an individual with uncollected co-payments, the denial of services shall 279 not be allowed. The department of social services shall inform providers regarding the 280 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.

309 11. Any income earned by individuals eligible for certified extended employment at a 310 sheltered workshop under chapter 178 shall not be considered as income for purposes of 311 determining eligibility under this section.

312 12. If the Missouri Medicaid audit and compliance unit changes any interpretation or 313 application of the requirements for reimbursement for MO HealthNet services from the 314 interpretation or application that has been applied previously by the state in any audit of a MO 315 HealthNet provider, the Missouri Medicaid audit and compliance unit shall notify all affected 316 MO HealthNet providers five business days before such change shall take effect. Failure of the 317 Missouri Medicaid audit and compliance unit to notify a provider of such change shall entitle the 318 provider to continue to receive and retain reimbursement until such notification is provided and 319 shall waive any liability of such provider for recoupment or other loss of any payments 320 previously made prior to the five business days after such notice has been sent. Each provider 321 shall provide the Missouri Medicaid audit and compliance unit a valid email address and shall 322 agree to receive communications electronically. The notification required under this section 323 shall be delivered in writing by the United States Postal Service or electronic mail to each 324 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.

208.153. 1. Pursuant to and not inconsistent with the provisions of sections 208.151 and 2 208.152, the MO HealthNet division shall by rule and regulation define the reasonable costs, 3 manner, extent, quantity, quality, charges and fees of MO HealthNet benefits herein provided. 4 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 receiving them, and 5 6 all persons shall be required to apply for and utilize all benefits available to them and to pursue 7 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 is in effect under this 8 9 section and which undertakes to provide the services, as authorized by the MO HealthNet 10 division.] At the discretion of the director of the MO HealthNet division and with the approval

of the governor, the MO HealthNet division is authorized to provide medical benefits for participants receiving public assistance by expending funds for the payment of federal medical insurance premiums, coinsurance and deductibles pursuant to the 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.

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.

33 5. For an individual eligible for MO HealthNet under Title XIX of the Social Security 34 Act, MO HealthNet shall include payment of enrollee premiums in a group health plan and all 35 deductibles, coinsurance and other cost-sharing for items and services otherwise covered under 36 the state Title XIX plan under Section 1906 of the federal Social Security Act and regulations 37 established under the authority of Section 1906, as may be amended. Enrollment in a group 38 health plan must be cost effective, as established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, 39 before enrollment in the group health plan is required. If all members of a family are not eligible 40 for MO HealthNet and enrollment of the Title XIX eligible members in a group health plan is 41 not possible unless all family members are enrolled, all premiums for noneligible members shall 42 be treated as payment for MO HealthNet of eligible family members. Payment for noneligible 43 family members must be cost effective, taking into account payment of all such premiums. 44 Non-Title XIX eligible family members shall pay all deductible, coinsurance and other 45 cost-sharing obligations. Each individual as a condition of eligibility for MO HealthNet benefits 46 shall apply for enrollment in the group health plan.

47 6. Any Social Security cost-of-living increase at the beginning of any year shall be 48 disregarded until the federal poverty level for such year is implemented.

49 7. If a MO HealthNet participant has paid the requested spenddown in cash for any 50 month and subsequently pays an out-of-pocket valid medical expense for such month, such 51 expense shall be allowed as a deduction to future required spenddown for up to three months 52 from the date of such expense.

208.164. 1. As used in this section, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the 2 following terms mean:

3 "Abuse", a documented pattern of inducing, furnishing, or otherwise causing a (1)4 recipient to receive services or merchandise not otherwise required or requested by the recipient, attending physician or appropriate utilization review team; a documented pattern of performing 5 and billing tests, examinations, patient visits, surgeries, drugs or merchandise that exceed limits 6 or frequencies determined by the department for like practitioners for which there is no 7 8 demonstrable need, or for which the provider has created the need through ineffective services 9 or merchandise previously rendered. The decision to impose any of the sanctions authorized in 10 this section shall be made by the director of the department, following a determination of demonstrable need or accepted medical practice made in consultation with medical or other 11 12 health care professionals, or qualified peer review teams;

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(2) "Department", the department of social services;

(3) "Excessive use", the act, by a person eligible for services under a contract or provider agreement between the department of social services or its divisions and a provider, of seeking and/or obtaining medical assistance benefits from a number of like providers and in quantities which exceed the levels that are considered medically necessary by current medical practices and standards for the eligible person's needs;

19 (4) "Fraud", a known false representation, including the concealment of a material fact 20 that **the** provider knew or should have known through the usual conduct of his **or her** profession 21 or occupation, upon which the provider claims reimbursement under the terms and conditions 22 of a contract or provider agreement and the policies pertaining to such contract or provider 23 agreement of the department or its divisions in carrying out the providing of services, or under 24 any approved state plan authorized by the federal Social Security Act;

25 (5) "Health plan", a group of services provided to recipients of medical assistance 26 benefits by providers under a contract with the department;

27 (6) "Medical assistance benefits", those benefits authorized to be provided by sections
28 208.152 and 208.162;

(7) "Prior authorization", approval to a provider to perform a service or services for aneligible person required by the department or its divisions in advance of the actual service being

31 provided or approved for a recipient to receive a service or services from a provider, required by 32 the department or its designated division in advance of the actual service or services being

33 received;

34 (8) "Provider", any person, partnership, corporation, not-for-profit corporation, 35 professional corporation, or other business entity that enters into a contract or provider agreement 36 with the department or its divisions for the purpose of providing services to eligible persons, and 37 obtaining from the department or its divisions reimbursement therefor;

(9) "Recipient", a person who is eligible to receive medical assistance benefits allocatedthrough the department;

40 (10) "Service", the specific function, act, successive acts, benefits, continuing benefits,
41 requested by an eligible person or provided by the provider under contract with the department
42 or its divisions.

43 2. The department or its divisions shall have the authority to suspend, revoke, or cancel 44 any contract or provider agreement or refuse to enter into a new contract or provider agreement 45 with any provider where it is determined the provider has committed or allowed its agents, 46 servants, or employees to commit acts defined as abuse or fraud in this section.

47 3. The department or its divisions shall have the authority to impose prior authorization 48 as defined in this section:

49 (1) When it has reasonable cause to believe a provider or recipient has knowingly
50 followed a course of conduct which is defined as abuse or fraud or excessive use by this section;
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52 (2) When it determines by rule that prior authorization is reasonable for a specified 53 service or procedure.

4. If a provider or recipient reports to the department or its divisions the name or names of providers or recipients who, based upon their personal knowledge has reasonable cause to believe an act or acts are being committed which are defined as abuse, fraud or excessive use by this section, such report shall be confidential and the reporter's name shall not be divulged to anyone by the department or any of its divisions, except at a judicial proceeding upon a proper protective order being entered by the court.

5. Payments for services under any contract or provider agreement between the department or its divisions and a provider may be withheld by the department or its divisions from the provider for acts or omissions defined as abuse or fraud by this section, until such time as an agreement between the parties is reached or the dispute is adjudicated under the laws of this state.

65 6. The department or its designated division shall have the authority to review all cases 66 and claim records for any recipient of public assistance benefits and to determine from these

67 records if the recipient has, as defined in this section, committed excessive use of such services 68 by seeking or obtaining services from a number of like providers of services and in quantities 69 which exceed the levels considered necessary by current medical or health care professional 70 practice standards and policies of the program.

71 7. The department or its designated division shall have the authority with respect to 72 recipients of medical assistance benefits who have committed excessive use to limit or restrict 73 the use of the recipient's Medicaid identification card to designated providers and for designated 74 services; the actual method by which such restrictions are imposed shall be at the discretion of 75 the department of social services or its designated division.

8. The department or its designated division shall have the authority with respect to any recipient of medical assistance benefits whose use has been restricted under subsection 7 of this section and who obtains or seeks to obtain medical assistance benefits from a provider other than one of the providers for designated services to terminate medical assistance benefits as defined by this chapter, where allowed by the provisions of the federal Social Security Act.

9. The department or its designated division shall have the authority with respect to any provider who knowingly allows a recipient to violate subsection 7 of this section or who fails to report a known violation of subsection 7 of this section to the department of social services or its designated division to terminate or otherwise sanction such provider's status as a participant in the medical assistance program. Any person making such a report shall not be civilly liable when the report is made in good faith.

87 10. In order to comply with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. Section 1320a-7(a) relating 88 to mandatory exclusion of certain individuals and entities from participation in any federal 89 health care program, and in furtherance of the state's authority under federal law, as 90 implemented by 42 CFR 1002.3(b), to exclude an individual or entity from MO HealthNet 91 for any reason or period authorized by state law, the department or its divisions shall 92 suspend, revoke, or cancel any contract or provider agreement or refuse to enter into a new 93 contract or provider agreement with any provider where it is determined that such 94 provider is not qualified to perform the service or services required, as described in 42 95 U.S.C. Section 1396a(a)(23), because such provider, or such provider's agent, servant, or 96 employee acting under such provider's authority:

97 (1) Has a conviction related to the delivery of any item or service under Medicare 98 or under any state health care program, as described in 42 U.S.C. Section 1320a-7(a)(1);

99 (2) Has a conviction related to the neglect or abuse of a patient in connection with
100 the delivery of any health care item or service, as described in 42 U.S.C. Section 1320a101 7(a)(2);

(3) Has a felony conviction related to health care fraud, theft, embezzlement,
breach of fiduciary responsibility, or other financial misconduct, as described in 42 U.S.C.
Section 1320a-7(a)(3);

(4) Has a felony conviction related to the unlawful manufacture, distribution,
 prescription, or dispensation of a controlled substance, as described in 42 U.S.C. Section
 1320a-7(a)(4);

108 (5) Has a pattern of intentional discrimination in the delivery or nondelivery of any 109 health care item or service based on the race, color, or national origin of recipients, as 110 described in 42 U.S.C. Section 2000d, or was founded by a person who supported eugenics 111 as the solution for racial, political, and social problems and who advocated for the use of 112 birth control for "the elimination of the unfit" and stopping "the reproduction of the 113 unfit"; or

(6) Is an abortion facility, as defined in section 188.015, or an affiliate or associate
 of such abortion facility.

208.659. The MO HealthNet division shall revise the eligibility requirements for the 2 uninsured women's health program, as established in 13 CSR Section 70- 4.090, to include 3 women who are at least eighteen years of age and with a net family income of at or below one 4 hundred eighty-five percent of the federal poverty level. In order to be eligible for such program, 5 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 6 7 requirements shall not result in any change in services provided under the program. No funds 8 shall be expended to any abortion facility, as defined in section 188.015, or to any affiliate 9 or associate of such abortion facility.

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