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# HOUSE BILL NO. 2552

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE WRIGHT.

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to eligibility for MO HealthNet benefits.

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

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 208.057, to read as follows:

**208.057. 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any recipient who is receiving benefits under MO HealthNet and becomes ineligible for such benefits due to increased income from employment shall remain eligible for such benefits if such recipient pays a premium, to be paid through a payroll deduction when applicable.**

**2. The monthly premium charged to persons receiving MO HealthNet benefits under this section shall be calculated as follows:**

**(1) For recipients whose income exceeds the maximum allowable monthly federal poverty income level for the applicable family size by no more than five hundred dollars, twenty-five percent of the amount by which the recipient's income exceeds such maximum;**

**(2) For recipients whose income exceeds the maximum allowable monthly federal poverty income level for the applicable family size by more than five hundred dollars but no more than one thousand dollars, fifty percent of the amount by which the recipient's income exceeds such maximum; and**

**(3) For recipients whose income exceeds the maximum allowable monthly federal poverty income level for the applicable family size by more than one thousand dollars; seventy-five percent of the amount by which the recipient's income exceeds such maximum.**

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.

17           **3. The premium shall be paid on a monthly basis by the recipient or may be paid**  
18 **on a different periodic basis if through a payroll deduction consistent with the payroll**  
19 **period of the recipient's employer.**

20           **4. Recipients in the program who fail to pay the premium owed shall lose all MO**  
21 **HealthNet benefits after sixty days of nonpayment.**

22           **5. The division shall develop a payroll deduction program in conjunction with the**  
23 **department of revenue and shall promulgate rules for the payment of premiums through**  
24 **such payroll deduction program or via an alternate method to be determined by the**  
25 **division.**

26           **6. The division shall pursue all necessary waivers from the federal government to**  
27 **implement this section.**

28           **7. The department of social services shall establish a program to assist recipients**  
29 **of MO HealthNet benefits to transition off of MO HealthNet while they work toward**  
30 **gaining employment, increasing income, or gaining work-related education or training.**  
31 **The program is not intended for recipients who do not have the goal of eventually**  
32 **transitioning off of MO HealthNet.**

33           **8. Recipients paying premiums in the program shall also be eligible for voluntary**  
34 **training regarding interview skills, education options, and other necessary tools in order**  
35 **to broaden employment opportunities or pursue a desired career field.**

36           **9. Under section 23.253 of the Missouri Sunset Act:**

37           **(1) The provisions of the new program authorized under this section shall**  
38 **automatically sunset two years after the effective date of this section, unless reauthorized**  
39 **by an act of the general assembly;**

40           **(2) If such program is reauthorized, the program authorized under this section**  
41 **shall automatically sunset five years after the effective date of the reauthorization of this**  
42 **section; and**

43           **(3) If such program is reauthorized under subdivision (2) of this subsection, the**  
44 **provisions of this section shall not sunset.**

45           **10. The director may promulgate all necessary rules and regulations for the**  
46 **administration of this section. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in**  
47 **section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in this section shall become**  
48 **effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and,**  
49 **if applicable, section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any**  
50 **of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay**  
51 **the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held**  
52 **unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted**  
53 **after August 28, 2020, shall be invalid and void.**

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