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SENATE BILL NO. 639

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR SCHUPP.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 208.151 and 208.662, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to Medicaid services for certain low-income women, with an emergency clause.

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

Section A. Sections 208.151 and 208.662, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 208.151 and 208.662, to read as follows:

208.151. 1. Medical assistance on behalf of needy 2 persons shall be known as "MO HealthNet". For the purpose 3 of paying MO HealthNet benefits and to comply with Title XIX, Public Law 89-97, 1965 amendments to the federal Social 4 Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 301, et seq.) as amended, 5 the following needy persons shall be eligible to receive MO 6 7 HealthNet benefits to the extent and in the manner 8 hereinafter provided:

9 (1) All participants receiving state supplemental10 payments for the aged, blind and disabled;

(2) All participants receiving aid to families with dependent children benefits, including all persons under nineteen years of age who would be classified as dependent children except for the requirements of subdivision (1) of subsection 1 of section 208.040. Participants eligible under this subdivision who are participating in treatment court, as defined in section 478.001, shall have their

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18 eligibility automatically extended sixty days from the time 19 their dependent child is removed from the custody of the 20 participant, subject to approval of the Centers for Medicare 21 and Medicaid Services;

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(3) All participants receiving blind pension benefits;

23 All persons who would be determined to be eligible (4) for old age assistance benefits, permanent and total 24 25 disability benefits, or aid to the blind benefits under the eligibility standards in effect December 31, 1973, or less 26 27 restrictive standards as established by rule of the family support division, who are sixty-five years of age or over 28 and are patients in state institutions for mental diseases 29 or tuberculosis; 30

(5) All persons under the age of twenty-one years who would be eligible for aid to families with dependent children except for the requirements of subdivision (2) of subsection 1 of section 208.040, and who are residing in an intermediate care facility, or receiving active treatment as inpatients in psychiatric facilities or programs, as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d, as amended;

38 (6) All persons under the age of twenty-one years who
39 would be eligible for aid to families with dependent
40 children benefits except for the requirement of deprivation
41 of parental support as provided for in subdivision (2) of
42 subsection 1 of section 208.040;

43 (7) All persons eligible to receive nursing care44 benefits;

45 (8) All participants receiving family foster home or
46 nonprofit private child-care institution care, subsidized
47 adoption benefits and parental school care wherein state
48 funds are used as partial or full payment for such care;

49 (9) All persons who were participants receiving old 50 age assistance benefits, aid to the permanently and totally 51 disabled, or aid to the blind benefits on December 31, 1973, and who continue to meet the eligibility requirements, 52 53 except income, for these assistance categories, but who are no longer receiving such benefits because of the 54 55 implementation of Title XVI of the federal Social Security 56 Act, as amended;

57 (10) Pregnant women who meet the requirements for aid
58 to families with dependent children, except for the
59 existence of a dependent child in the home;

60 (11) Pregnant women who meet the requirements for aid
61 to families with dependent children, except for the
62 existence of a dependent child who is deprived of parental
63 support as provided for in subdivision (2) of subsection 1
64 of section 208.040;

(12) Pregnant women or infants under one year of age,
or both, whose family income does not exceed an income
eligibility standard equal to one hundred eighty-five
percent of the federal poverty level as established and
amended by the federal Department of Health and Human
Services, or its successor agency;

71 Children who have attained one year of age but (13)72 have not attained six years of age who are eligible for medical assistance under 6401 of P.L. 101-239 (Omnibus 73 Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989) (42 U.S.C. Sections 1396a 74 75 to 1396b). The family support division shall use an income eligibility standard equal to one hundred thirty-three 76 77 percent of the federal poverty level established by the 78 Department of Health and Human Services, or its successor 79 agency;

80 (14)Children who have attained six years of age but 81 have not attained nineteen years of age. For children who 82 have attained six years of age but have not attained nineteen years of age, the family support division shall use 83 an income assessment methodology which provides for 84 85 eligibility when family income is equal to or less than equal to one hundred percent of the federal poverty level 86 87 established by the Department of Health and Human Services, or its successor agency. As necessary to provide MO 88 89 HealthNet coverage under this subdivision, the department of social services may revise the state MO HealthNet plan to 90 extend coverage under 42 U.S.C. Section 91 92 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(III) to children who have attained six years of age but have not attained nineteen years of age as 93 permitted by paragraph (2) of subsection (n) of 42 U.S.C. 94 95 Section 1396d using a more liberal income assessment 96 methodology as authorized by paragraph (2) of subsection (r) of 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a; 97

98 (15)The family support division shall not establish a 99 resource eligibility standard in assessing eligibility for 100 persons under subdivision (12), (13) or (14) of this 101 The MO HealthNet division shall define the subsection. amount and scope of benefits which are available to 102 103 individuals eligible under each of the subdivisions (12), 104 (13), and (14) of this subsection, in accordance with the 105 requirements of federal law and regulations promulgated 106 thereunder;

107 (16) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to 108 the contrary, ambulatory prenatal care shall be made 109 available to pregnant women during a period of presumptive 110 eligibility pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-1, as 111 amended;

112 (17) A child born to a woman eligible for and 113 receiving MO HealthNet benefits under this section on the 114 date of the child's birth shall be deemed to have applied for MO HealthNet benefits and to have been found eligible 115 for such assistance under such plan on the date of such 116 117 birth and to remain eligible for such assistance for a period of time determined in accordance with applicable 118 119 federal and state law and regulations so long as the child 120 is a member of the woman's household and either the woman 121 remains eligible for such assistance or for children born on 122 or after January 1, 1991, the woman would remain eligible 123 for such assistance if she were still pregnant. Upon 124 notification of such child's birth, the family support 125 division shall assign a MO HealthNet eligibility 126 identification number to the child so that claims may be submitted and paid under such child's identification number; 127

128 Pregnant women and children eligible for MO (18)HealthNet benefits pursuant to subdivision (12), (13) or 129 (14) of this subsection shall not as a condition of 130 eligibility for MO HealthNet benefits be required to apply 131 for aid to families with dependent children. The family 132 support division shall utilize an application for 133 eligibility for such persons which eliminates information 134 135 requirements other than those necessary to apply for MO 136 HealthNet benefits. The division shall provide such 137 application forms to applicants whose preliminary income 138 information indicates that they are ineligible for aid to families with dependent children. Applicants for MO 139 HealthNet benefits under subdivision (12), (13) or (14) of 140 141 this subsection shall be informed of the aid to families 142 with dependent children program and that they are entitled to apply for such benefits. Any forms utilized by the 143

144 family support division for assessing eligibility under this 145 chapter shall be as simple as practicable;

146 (19)Subject to appropriations necessary to recruit and train such staff, the family support division shall 147 provide one or more full-time, permanent eligibility 148 149 specialists to process applications for MO HealthNet benefits at the site of a health care provider, if the 150 health care provider requests the placement of such 151 eligibility specialists and reimburses the division for the 152 153 expenses including but not limited to salaries, benefits, 154 travel, training, telephone, supplies, and equipment of such eligibility specialists. The division may provide a health 155 156 care provider with a part-time or temporary eligibility 157 specialist at the site of a health care provider if the 158 health care provider requests the placement of such an 159 eligibility specialist and reimburses the division for the 160 expenses, including but not limited to the salary, benefits, travel, training, telephone, supplies, and equipment, of 161 such an eligibility specialist. The division may seek to 162 employ such eligibility specialists who are otherwise 163 qualified for such positions and who are current or former 164 welfare participants. The division may consider training 165 such current or former welfare participants as eligibility 166 167 specialists for this program;

168 Pregnant women who are eligible for, have applied (20)for and have received MO HealthNet benefits under 169 subdivision (2), (10), (11) or (12) of this subsection shall 170 continue to be considered eligible for all pregnancy-related 171 and postpartum MO HealthNet benefits provided under section 172 173 208.152 until the end of the sixty-day period beginning on 174 the last day of their pregnancy. Pregnant women receiving mental health treatment for postpartum depression or related 175

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176 mental health conditions within sixty days of giving birth 177 shall, subject to appropriations and any necessary federal 178 approval, be eligible for MO HealthNet benefits for mental 179 health services for the treatment of postpartum depression 180 and related mental health conditions for up to twelve 181 additional months. Pregnant women receiving substance abuse treatment within sixty days of giving birth shall, subject 182 183 to appropriations and any necessary federal approval, be 184 eligible for MO HealthNet benefits for substance abuse 185 treatment and mental health services for the treatment of substance abuse for no more than twelve additional months, 186 187 as long as the woman remains adherent with treatment. The 188 department of mental health and the department of social 189 services shall seek any necessary waivers or state plan 190 amendments from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid 191 Services and shall develop rules relating to treatment plan 192 adherence. No later than fifteen months after receiving any 193 necessary waiver, the department of mental health and the 194 department of social services shall report to the house of 195 representatives budget committee and the senate 196 appropriations committee on the compliance with federal cost 197 neutrality requirements;

198 Case management services for pregnant women and (21)199 young children at risk shall be a covered service. To the 200 greatest extent possible, and in compliance with federal law 201 and regulations, the department of health and senior 202 services shall provide case management services to pregnant women by contract or agreement with the department of social 203 204 services through local health departments organized under 205 the provisions of chapter 192 or chapter 205 or a city 206 health department operated under a city charter or a combined city-county health department or other department 207

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208 of health and senior services designees. To the greatest 209 extent possible the department of social services and the 210 department of health and senior services shall mutually coordinate all services for pregnant women and children with 211 the crippled children's program, the prevention of 212 213 intellectual disability and developmental disability program and the prenatal care program administered by the department 214 215 of health and senior services. The department of social 216 services shall by regulation establish the methodology for 217 reimbursement for case management services provided by the department of health and senior services. For purposes of 218 this section, the term "case management" shall mean those 219 220 activities of local public health personnel to identify 221 prospective MO HealthNet-eligible high-risk mothers and 222 enroll them in the state's MO HealthNet program, refer them 223 to local physicians or local health departments who provide 224 prenatal care under physician protocol and who participate in the MO HealthNet program for prenatal care and to ensure 225 226 that said high-risk mothers receive support from all private and public programs for which they are eligible and shall 227 not include involvement in any MO HealthNet prepaid, case-228 229 managed programs;

230 By January 1, 1988, the department of social (22)231 services and the department of health and senior services 232 shall study all significant aspects of presumptive 233 eligibility for pregnant women and submit a joint report on the subject, including projected costs and the time needed 234 for implementation, to the general assembly. The department 235 of social services, at the direction of the general 236 237 assembly, may implement presumptive eligibility by regulation promulgated pursuant to chapter 207; 238

239 (23) All participants who would be eligible for aid to 240 families with dependent children benefits except for the 241 requirements of paragraph (d) of subdivision (1) of section 242 208.150;

(a) All persons who would be determined to be 243 (24)244 eligible for old age assistance benefits under the eligibility standards in effect December 31, 1973, as 245 246 authorized by 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(f), or less 247 restrictive methodologies as contained in the MO HealthNet state plan as of January 1, 2005; except that, on or after 248 July 1, 2005, less restrictive income methodologies, as 249 250 authorized in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(r)(2), may be used to 251 change the income limit if authorized by annual 252 appropriation;

253 (b) All persons who would be determined to be eligible 254 for aid to the blind benefits under the eligibility 255 standards in effect December 31, 1973, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(f), or less restrictive methodologies 256 257 as contained in the MO HealthNet state plan as of January 1, 2005, except that less restrictive income methodologies, as 258 259 authorized in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(r)(2), shall be used 260 to raise the income limit to one hundred percent of the federal poverty level; 261

262 (c) All persons who would be determined to be eligible 263 for permanent and total disability benefits under the 264 eligibility standards in effect December 31, 1973, as authorized by 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(f); or less 265 restrictive methodologies as contained in the MO HealthNet 266 state plan as of January 1, 2005; except that, on or after 267 268 July 1, 2005, less restrictive income methodologies, as 269 authorized in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(r)(2), may be used to 270 change the income limit if authorized by annual

appropriations. Eligibility standards for permanent andtotal disability benefits shall not be limited by age;

(25) Persons who have been diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer and who are eligible for coverage pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XVIII). Such persons shall be eligible during a period of presumptive eligibility in accordance with 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-1;

278 (26) Persons who are in foster care under the 279 responsibility of the state of Missouri on the date such 280 persons attained the age of eighteen years, or at any time 281 during the thirty-day period preceding their eighteenth birthday, or persons who received foster care for at least 282 283 six months in another state, are residing in Missouri, and are at least eighteen years of age, without regard to income 284 285 or assets, if such persons:

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(a) Are under twenty-six years of age;

(b) Are not eligible for coverage under anothermandatory coverage group; and

(c) Were covered by Medicaid while they were in fostercare;

291 (27) Any homeless child or homeless youth, as those 292 terms are defined in section 167.020, subject to approval of 293 a state plan amendment by the Centers for Medicare and 294 Medicaid Services;

Beginning April 1, 2022, or the effective date of 295 (28) 296 this act, whichever is later, pregnant women who are 297 eligible for, have applied for, and have received MO 298 HealthNet benefits under subdivision (2), (10), (11), or 299 (12) of this subsection shall be eligible for medical 300 assistance during the pregnancy and during the twelve-month 301 period that begins on the last day of the woman's pregnancy 302 and ends on the last day of the month in which such twelve-

303 month period ends, consistent with the provisions of 42
304 U.S.C. Section 1396a(e)(16). The department shall submit a
305 state plan amendment to the Centers for Medicare and
306 Medicaid Services within sixty days of the effective date of
307 this act.

308 2. Rules and regulations to implement this section shall be promulgated in accordance with chapter 536. Any 309 310 rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in 311 section 536.010, that is created under the authority 312 delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of 313 chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. 314 This 315 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 316 317 536 to review, to delay the effective date or to disapprove 318 and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, 319 then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2002, shall be invalid and void. 320

After December 31, 1973, and before April 1, 1990, 321 3. any family eligible for assistance pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 322 Section 601, et seq., as amended, in at least three of the 323 last six months immediately preceding the month in which 324 such family became ineligible for such assistance because of 325 326 increased income from employment shall, while a member of 327 such family is employed, remain eligible for MO HealthNet 328 benefits for four calendar months following the month in which such family would otherwise be determined to be 329 ineligible for such assistance because of income and 330 resource limitation. After April 1, 1990, any family 331 332 receiving aid pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 601, et seq., as amended, in at least three of the six months immediately 333 preceding the month in which such family becomes ineligible 334

335 for such aid, because of hours of employment or income from 336 employment of the caretaker relative, shall remain eligible 337 for MO HealthNet benefits for six calendar months following the month of such ineligibility as long as such family 338 339 includes a child as provided in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-6. 340 Each family which has received such medical assistance during the entire six-month period described in this section 341 342 and which meets reporting requirements and income tests 343 established by the division and continues to include a child 344 as provided in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-6 shall receive MO HealthNet benefits without fee for an additional six 345 months. The MO HealthNet division may provide by rule and 346 347 as authorized by annual appropriation the scope of MO 348 HealthNet coverage to be granted to such families.

349 4. When any individual has been determined to be eligible for MO HealthNet benefits, such medical assistance 350 351 will be made available to him or her for care and services furnished in or after the third month before the month in 352 353 which he made application for such assistance if such individual was, or upon application would have been, 354 eligible for such assistance at the time such care and 355 services were furnished; provided, further, that such 356 357 medical expenses remain unpaid.

358 5. The department of social services may apply to the 359 federal Department of Health and Human Services for a MO HealthNet waiver amendment to the Section 1115 demonstration 360 361 waiver or for any additional MO HealthNet waivers necessary not to exceed one million dollars in additional costs to the 362 363 state, unless subject to appropriation or directed by 364 statute, but in no event shall such waiver applications or amendments seek to waive the services of a rural health 365 clinic or a federally qualified health center as defined in 366

367 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d(1)(1) and (2) or the payment requirements for such clinics and centers as provided in 42 368 369 U.S.C. Section 1396a(a)(15) and 1396a(bb) unless such waiver 370 application is approved by the oversight committee created 371 in section 208.955. A request for such a waiver so 372 submitted shall only become effective by executive order not sooner than ninety days after the final adjournment of the 373 374 session of the general assembly to which it is submitted, 375 unless it is disapproved within sixty days of its submission 376 to a regular session by a senate or house resolution adopted 377 by a majority vote of the respective elected members thereof, unless the request for such a waiver is made 378 subject to appropriation or directed by statute. 379

380 6. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
381 contrary, in any given fiscal year, any persons made
382 eligible for MO HealthNet benefits under subdivisions (1) to
383 (22) of subsection 1 of this section shall only be eligible
384 if annual appropriations are made for such eligibility.
385 This subsection shall not apply to classes of individuals
386 listed in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a(a) (10) (A) (i).

387 7. (1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, a military service member, or an immediate family 388 389 member residing with such military service member, who is a 390 legal resident of this state and is eligible for MO 391 HealthNet developmental disability services, shall have his 392 or her eligibility for MO HealthNet developmental disability services temporarily suspended for any period of time during 393 which such person temporarily resides outside of this state 394 for reasons relating to military service, but shall have his 395 396 or her eligibility immediately restored upon returning to 397 this state to reside.

398 (2)Notwithstanding any provision of law to the 399 contrary, if a military service member, or an immediate 400 family member residing with such military service member, is 401 not a legal resident of this state, but would otherwise be 402 eligible for MO HealthNet developmental disability services, 403 such individual shall be deemed eligible for MO HealthNet developmental disability services for the duration of any 404 405 time in which such individual is temporarily present in this 406 state for reasons relating to military service.

208.662. 1. There is hereby established within the department of social services the "Show-Me Healthy Babies Program" as a separate children's health insurance program (CHIP) for any low-income unborn child. The program shall be established under the authority of Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, as amended, and 42 CFR 457.1.

8 2. For an unborn child to be enrolled in the show-me 9 healthy babies program, his or her mother shall not be 10 eligible for coverage under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, the Medicaid program, as it is administered by 11 the state, and shall not have access to affordable employer-12 subsidized health care insurance or other affordable health 13 care coverage that includes coverage for the unborn child. 14 15 In addition, the unborn child shall be in a family with income eligibility of no more than three hundred percent of 16 the federal poverty level, or the equivalent modified 17 adjusted gross income, unless the income eligibility is set 18 lower by the general assembly through appropriations. 19 In calculating family size as it relates to income eligibility, 20 the family shall include, in addition to other family 21 22 members, the unborn child, or in the case of a mother with a multiple pregnancy, all unborn children. 23

24 3. Coverage for an unborn child enrolled in the showme healthy babies program shall include all prenatal care 25 26 and pregnancy-related services that benefit the health of the unborn child and that promote healthy labor, delivery, 27 and birth. Coverage need not include services that are 28 29 solely for the benefit of the pregnant mother, that are 30 unrelated to maintaining or promoting a healthy pregnancy, 31 and that provide no benefit to the unborn child. However, the department may include pregnancy-related assistance as 32 33 defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 139711.

34 4. There shall be no waiting period before an unborn
35 child may be enrolled in the show-me healthy babies
36 program. In accordance with the definition of child in 42
37 CFR 457.10, coverage shall include the period from
38 conception to birth. The department shall develop a
39 presumptive eligibility procedure for enrolling an unborn
40 child. There shall be verification of the pregnancy.

5. Coverage for the child shall continue for up to one
year after birth, unless otherwise prohibited by law or
unless otherwise limited by the general assembly through
appropriations.

45 6. (1) Pregnancy-related and postpartum coverage for the mother shall begin on the day the pregnancy ends and 46 47 extend through the last day of the month that includes the sixtieth day after the pregnancy ends, unless otherwise 48 prohibited by law or unless otherwise limited by the general 49 assembly through appropriations. The department may include 50 pregnancy-related assistance as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 51 139711. 52

53 (2) Beginning April 1, 2022, or the effective date of
 54 this act, whichever is later, mothers eligible to receive
 55 coverage under this section shall receive medical assistance

benefits during the pregnancy and during the twelve-month 56 57 period that begins on the last day of the woman's pregnancy and ends on the last day of the month in which such twelve-58 59 month period ends, consistent with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. 1397gg(e)(1)(J). The department shall seek any 60 61 necessary state plan amendments or waivers to implement the provisions of this subdivision within sixty days of the 62 63 effective date of this act.

64 7. The department shall provide coverage for an unborn
65 child enrolled in the show-me healthy babies program in the
66 same manner in which the department provides coverage for
67 the children's health insurance program (CHIP) in the county
68 of the primary residence of the mother.

8. The department shall provide information about the 69 show-me healthy babies program to maternity homes as defined 70 71 in section 135.600, pregnancy resource centers as defined in 72 section 135.630, and other similar agencies and programs in the state that assist unborn children and their mothers. 73 74 The department shall consider allowing such agencies and programs to assist in the enrollment of unborn children in 75 the program, and in making determinations about presumptive 76 77 eligibility and verification of the pregnancy.

9. Within sixty days after August 28, 2014, the
department shall submit a state plan amendment or seek any
necessary waivers from the federal Department of Health and
Human Services requesting approval for the show-me healthy
babies program.

83 10. At least annually, the department shall prepare
84 and submit a report to the governor, the speaker of the
85 house of representatives, and the president pro tempore of
86 the senate analyzing and projecting the cost savings and
87 benefits, if any, to the state, counties, local communities,

88 school districts, law enforcement agencies, correctional 89 centers, health care providers, employers, other public and 90 private entities, and persons by enrolling unborn children 91 in the show-me healthy babies program. The analysis and 92 projection of cost savings and benefits, if any, may include 93 but need not be limited to:

94 (1) The higher federal matching rate for having an
95 unborn child enrolled in the show-me healthy babies program
96 versus the lower federal matching rate for a pregnant woman
97 being enrolled in MO HealthNet or other federal programs;

98 (2) The efficacy in providing services to unborn
99 children through managed care organizations, group or
100 individual health insurance providers or premium assistance,
101 or through other nontraditional arrangements of providing
102 health care;

103 The change in the proportion of unborn children (3) 104 who receive care in the first trimester of pregnancy due to a lack of waiting periods, by allowing presumptive 105 106 eligibility, or by removal of other barriers, and any resulting or projected decrease in health problems and other 107 problems for unborn children and women throughout pregnancy; 108 at labor, delivery, and birth; and during infancy and 109 110 childhood;

111 (4) The change in healthy behaviors by pregnant women, such as the cessation of the use of tobacco, alcohol, 112 113 illicit drugs, or other harmful practices, and any resulting 114 or projected short-term and long-term decrease in birth defects; poor motor skills; vision, speech, and hearing 115 116 problems; breathing and respiratory problems; feeding and 117 digestive problems; and other physical, mental, educational, and behavioral problems; and 118

(5) The change in infant and maternal mortality, preterm births and low birth weight babies and any resulting or projected decrease in short-term and long-term medical and other interventions.

123 11. The show-me healthy babies program shall not be 124 deemed an entitlement program, but instead shall be subject 125 to a federal allotment or other federal appropriations and 126 matching state appropriations.

127 12. Nothing in this section shall be construed as 128 obligating the state to continue the show-me healthy babies 129 program if the allotment or payments from the federal 130 government end or are not sufficient for the program to 131 operate, or if the general assembly does not appropriate 132 funds for the program.

133 13. Nothing in this section shall be construed as
134 expanding MO HealthNet or fulfilling a mandate imposed by
135 the federal government on the state.

Section B. Because of the importance of ensuring 2 healthy pregnancies and healthy women and children in Missouri in the face of growing maternal mortality, section 3 A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate 4 5 preservation of the public health, welfare, peace, and 6 safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within 7 the meaning of the constitution, and section A of this act 8 shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and 9 approval.

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