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AN ACT

To repeal sections 208.010, 208.215, 208.453, 208.895, 208.909, 208.918, 660.300, 660.425, 660.430, 660.435, 660.445, 660.455, 660.460, and 660.465, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof sixteen new sections relating to public assistance programs administered by the state, with penalty provisions, and an expiration date for a certain section.

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

Section A. Sections 208.010, 208.215, 208.453, 208.895, 208.909, 208.918, 2 660.300, 660.425, 660.430, 660.435, 660.445, 660.455, 660.460, and 660.465, 3 RSMo, are repealed and sixteen new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known 4 as sections 208.010, 208.198, 208.215, 208.453, 208.895, 208.909, 208.918, 5 660.023, 660.300, 660.425, 660.430, 660.435, 660.445, 660.455, 660.460, and 6 660.465, to read as follows:

208.010. 1. In determining the eligibility of a claimant for public 2 assistance pursuant to this law, it shall be the duty of the division of family 3 services to consider and take into account all facts and circumstances 4 surrounding the claimant, including his or her living conditions, earning capacity, 5 income and resources, from whatever source received, and if from all the facts and 6 circumstances the claimant is not found to be in need, assistance shall be denied. 7 In determining the need of a claimant, the costs of providing medical treatment 8 which may be furnished pursuant to sections 208.151 to 208.158 and 208.162

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

9 shall be disregarded. The amount of benefits, when added to all other income,
10 resources, support, and maintenance shall provide such persons with reasonable
11 subsistence compatible with decency and health in accordance with the standards
12 developed by the division of family services; provided, when a husband and wife
13 are living together, the combined income and resources of both shall be
14 considered in determining the eligibility of either or both. "Living together" for
15 the purpose of this chapter is defined as including a husband and wife separated
16 for the purpose of obtaining medical care or nursing home care, except that the
17 income of a husband or wife separated for such purpose shall be considered in
18 determining the eligibility of his or her spouse, only to the extent that such
19 income exceeds the amount necessary to meet the needs (as defined by rule or
20 regulation of the division) of such husband or wife living separately. In
21 determining the need of a claimant in federally aided programs there shall be
22 disregarded such amounts per month of earned income in making such
23 determination as shall be required for federal participation by the provisions of
24 the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.A. 301 et seq.), or any amendments
25 thereto. When federal law or regulations require the exemption of other income
26 or resources, the division of family services may provide by rule or regulation the
27 amount of income or resources to be disregarded.

28 2. Benefits shall not be payable to any claimant who:

29 (1) Has or whose spouse with whom he or she is living has, prior to July
30 1, 1989, given away or sold a resource within the time and in the manner
31 specified in this subdivision. In determining the resources of an individual,
32 unless prohibited by federal statutes or regulations, there shall be included (but
33 subject to the exclusions pursuant to subdivisions (4) and (5) of this subsection,
34 and subsection 5 of this section) any resource or interest therein owned by such
35 individual or spouse within the twenty-four months preceding the initial
36 investigation, or at any time during which benefits are being drawn, if such
37 individual or spouse gave away or sold such resource or interest within such
38 period of time at less than fair market value of such resource or interest for the
39 purpose of establishing eligibility for benefits, including but not limited to
40 benefits based on December, 1973, eligibility requirements, as follows:

41 (a) Any transaction described in this subdivision shall be presumed to
42 have been for the purpose of establishing eligibility for benefits or assistance
43 pursuant to this chapter unless such individual furnishes convincing evidence to

44 establish that the transaction was exclusively for some other purpose;

45 (b) The resource shall be considered in determining eligibility from the
46 date of the transfer for the number of months the uncompensated value of the
47 disposed of resource is divisible by the average monthly grant paid or average
48 Medicaid payment in the state at the time of the investigation to an individual
49 or on his or her behalf under the program for which benefits are claimed,
50 provided that:

51 a. When the uncompensated value is twelve thousand dollars or less, the
52 resource shall not be used in determining eligibility for more than twenty-four
53 months; or

54 b. When the uncompensated value exceeds twelve thousand dollars, the
55 resource shall not be used in determining eligibility for more than sixty months;

56 (2) The provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply to
57 a transfer, other than a transfer to claimant's spouse, made prior to March 26,
58 1981, when the claimant furnishes convincing evidence that the uncompensated
59 value of the disposed of resource or any part thereof is no longer possessed or
60 owned by the person to whom the resource was transferred;

61 (3) Has received, or whose spouse with whom he or she is living has
62 received, benefits to which he or she was not entitled through misrepresentation
63 or nondisclosure of material facts or failure to report any change in status or
64 correct information with respect to property or income as required by section
65 208.210. A claimant ineligible pursuant to this subsection shall be ineligible for
66 such period of time from the date of discovery as the division of family services
67 may deem proper; or in the case of overpayment of benefits, future benefits may
68 be decreased, suspended or entirely withdrawn for such period of time as the
69 division may deem proper;

70 (4) Owns or possesses resources in the sum of one thousand dollars or
71 more; provided, however, that if such person is married and living with spouse,
72 he or she, or they, individually or jointly, may own resources not to exceed two
73 thousand dollars; and provided further, that in the case of a temporary assistance
74 for needy families claimant, the provision of this subsection shall not apply;

75 (5) Prior to October 1, 1989, owns or possesses property of any kind or
76 character, excluding amounts placed in an irrevocable prearranged funeral or
77 burial contract pursuant to subsection 2 of section 436.035, RSMo, and
78 subdivision (5) of subsection 1 of section 436.053, RSMo, or has an interest in

79 property, of which he or she is the record or beneficial owner, the value of such
80 property, as determined by the division of family services, less encumbrances of
81 record, exceeds twenty-nine thousand dollars, or if married and actually living
82 together with husband or wife, if the value of his or her property, or the value of
83 his or her interest in property, together with that of such husband and wife,
84 exceeds such amount;

85 (6) In the case of temporary assistance for needy families, if the parent,
86 stepparent, and child or children in the home owns or possesses property of any
87 kind or character, or has an interest in property for which he or she is a record
88 or beneficial owner, the value of such property, as determined by the division of
89 family services and as allowed by federal law or regulation, less encumbrances
90 of record, exceeds one thousand dollars, excluding the home occupied by the
91 claimant, amounts placed in an irrevocable prearranged funeral or burial contract
92 pursuant to subsection 2 of section 436.035, RSMo, and subdivision (5) of
93 subsection 1 of section 436.053, RSMo, one automobile which shall not exceed a
94 value set forth by federal law or regulation and for a period not to exceed six
95 months, such other real property which the family is making a good-faith effort
96 to sell, if the family agrees in writing with the division of family services to sell
97 such property and from the net proceeds of the sale repay the amount of
98 assistance received during such period. If the property has not been sold within
99 six months, or if eligibility terminates for any other reason, the entire amount of
100 assistance paid during such period shall be a debt due the state;

101 (7) Is an inmate of a public institution, except as a patient in a public
102 medical institution.

103 3. In determining eligibility and the amount of benefits to be granted
104 pursuant to federally aided programs, the income and resources of a relative or
105 other person living in the home shall be taken into account to the extent the
106 income, resources, support and maintenance are allowed by federal law or
107 regulation to be considered.

108 4. In determining eligibility and the amount of benefits to be granted
109 pursuant to federally aided programs, the value of burial lots or any amounts
110 placed in an irrevocable prearranged funeral or burial contract pursuant to
111 subsection 2 of section 436.035, RSMo, and subdivision (5) of subsection 1 of
112 section 436.053, RSMo, shall not be taken into account or considered an asset of
113 the burial lot owner or the beneficiary of an irrevocable prearranged funeral or

114 funeral contract. For purposes of this section, "burial lots" means any burial
115 space as defined in section 214.270, RSMo, and any memorial, monument,
116 marker, tombstone or letter marking a burial space. If the beneficiary, as defined
117 in chapter 436, RSMo, of an irrevocable prearranged funeral or burial contract
118 receives any public assistance benefits pursuant to this chapter and if the
119 purchaser of such contract or his or her successors in interest cancel or amend
120 the contract so that any person will be entitled to a refund, such refund shall be
121 paid to the state of Missouri up to the amount of public assistance benefits
122 provided pursuant to this chapter with any remainder to be paid to those persons
123 designated in chapter 436, RSMo.

124 5. In determining the total property owned pursuant to subdivision (5) of
125 subsection 2 of this section, or resources, of any person claiming or for whom
126 public assistance is claimed, there shall be disregarded any life insurance policy,
127 or prearranged funeral or burial contract, or any two or more policies or
128 contracts, or any combination of policies and contracts, which provides for the
129 payment of one thousand five hundred dollars or less upon the death of any of the
130 following:

131 (1) A claimant or person for whom benefits are claimed; or

132 (2) The spouse of a claimant or person for whom benefits are claimed with
133 whom he or she is living. If the value of such policies exceeds one thousand five
134 hundred dollars, then the total value of such policies may be considered in
135 determining resources; except that, in the case of temporary assistance for needy
136 families, there shall be disregarded any prearranged funeral or burial contract,
137 or any two or more contracts, which provides for the payment of one thousand five
138 hundred dollars or less per family member.

139 6. Beginning September 30, 1989, when determining the eligibility of
140 institutionalized spouses, as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-5, for medical
141 assistance benefits as provided for in section 208.151 and 42 U.S.C. Sections
142 1396a et seq., the division of family services shall comply with the provisions of
143 the federal statutes and regulations. As necessary, the division shall by rule or
144 regulation implement the federal law and regulations which shall include but not
145 be limited to the establishment of income and resource standards and
146 limitations. The division shall require:

147 (1) That at the beginning of a period of continuous institutionalization
148 that is expected to last for thirty days or more, the institutionalized spouse, or

149 the community spouse, may request an assessment by the division of family
150 services of total countable resources owned by either or both spouses;

151 (2) That the assessed resources of the institutionalized spouse and the
152 community spouse may be allocated so that each receives an equal share;

153 (3) That upon an initial eligibility determination, if the community
154 spouse's share does not equal at least twelve thousand dollars, the
155 institutionalized spouse may transfer to the community spouse a resource
156 allowance to increase the community spouse's share to twelve thousand dollars;

157 (4) That in the determination of initial eligibility of the institutionalized
158 spouse, no resources attributed to the community spouse shall be used in
159 determining the eligibility of the institutionalized spouse, except to the extent
160 that the resources attributed to the community spouse do exceed the community
161 spouse's resource allowance as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-5;

162 (5) That beginning in January, 1990, the amount specified in subdivision
163 (3) of this subsection shall be increased by the percentage increase in the
164 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers between September, 1988, and
165 the September before the calendar year involved; and

166 (6) That beginning the month after initial eligibility for the
167 institutionalized spouse is determined, the resources of the community spouse
168 shall not be considered available to the institutionalized spouse during that
169 continuous period of institutionalization.

170 7. Beginning July 1, 1989, institutionalized individuals shall be ineligible
171 for the periods required and for the reasons specified in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396p.

172 8. The hearings required by 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-5 shall be conducted
173 pursuant to the provisions of section 208.080.

174 9. Beginning October 1, 1989, when determining eligibility for assistance
175 pursuant to this chapter there shall be disregarded unless otherwise provided by
176 federal or state statutes, the home of the applicant or recipient when the home
177 is providing shelter to the applicant or recipient, or his or her spouse or
178 dependent child. The division of family services shall establish by rule or
179 regulation in conformance with applicable federal statutes and regulations a
180 definition of the home and when the home shall be considered a resource that
181 shall be considered in determining eligibility.

182 10. Reimbursement for services provided by an enrolled Medicaid provider
183 to a recipient who is duly entitled to Title XIX Medicaid and Title XVIII Medicare

184 Part B, Supplementary Medical Insurance (SMI) shall include payment in full of
185 deductible and coinsurance amounts as determined due pursuant to the
186 applicable provisions of federal regulations pertaining to Title XVIII Medicare
187 Part B, except **for hospital outpatient services or** the applicable Title XIX
188 cost sharing.

189 11. A "community spouse" is defined as being the noninstitutionalized
190 spouse.

191 12. An institutionalized spouse applying for Medicaid and having a spouse
192 living in the community shall be required, to the maximum extent permitted by
193 law, to divert income to such community spouse to raise the community spouse's
194 income to the level of the minimum monthly needs allowance, as described in 42
195 U.S.C. Section 1396r-5. Such diversion of income shall occur before the
196 community spouse is allowed to retain assets in excess of the community spouse
197 protected amount described in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396r-5.

**208.198. Subject to appropriations, the department of social
2 services shall establish a rate for the reimbursement of physicians and
3 optometrists for services rendered to patients under the MO HealthNet
4 program which provides equal reimbursement for the same or similar
5 services rendered.**

208.215. 1. MO HealthNet is payer of last resort unless otherwise
2 specified by law. When any person, corporation, institution, public agency or
3 private agency is liable, either pursuant to contract or otherwise, to a participant
4 receiving public assistance on account of personal injury to or disability or disease
5 or benefits arising from a health insurance plan to which the participant may be
6 entitled, payments made by the department of social services or MO HealthNet
7 division shall be a debt due the state and recoverable from the liable party or
8 participant for all payments made [in] **on** behalf of the participant and the debt
9 due the state shall not exceed the payments made from MO HealthNet benefits
10 provided under sections 208.151 to 208.158 and section 208.162 and section
11 208.204 on behalf of the participant, minor or estate for payments on account of
12 the injury, disease, or disability or benefits arising from a health insurance
13 program to which the participant may be entitled. **Any health benefit plan as
14 defined in section 376.1350, third party administrator, administrative
15 service organization, and pharmacy benefits manager, shall process and
16 pay all properly submitted medical assistance subrogation claims or**

17 **MO HealthNet subrogation claims using standard electronic**
18 **transactions or paper claim forms:**

19 **(1) For a period of three years from the date services were**
20 **provided or rendered; however, an entity:**

21 **(a) Shall not be required to reimburse for items or services**
22 **which are not covered under MO HealthNet;**

23 **(b) Shall not deny a claim submitted by the state solely on the**
24 **basis of the date of submission of the claim, the type or format of the**
25 **claim form, failure to present proper documentation of coverage at the**
26 **point of sale, or failure to provide prior authorization;**

27 **(c) Shall not be required to reimburse for items or services for**
28 **which a claim was previously submitted to the health benefit plan,**
29 **third party administrator, administrative service organization, or**
30 **pharmacy benefits manager by the health care provider or the**
31 **participant and the claim was properly denied by the health benefit**
32 **plan, third party administrator, administrative service organization, or**
33 **pharmacy benefits manager for procedural reasons, except for timely**
34 **filing, type or format of the claim form, failure to present proper**
35 **documentation of coverage at the point of sale, or failure to obtain**
36 **prior authorization;**

37 **(d) Shall not be required to reimburse for items or services**
38 **which are not covered under or were not covered under the plan**
39 **offered by the entity against which a claim for subrogation has been**
40 **filed; and**

41 **(e) Shall reimburse for items or services to the same extent that**
42 **the entity would have been liable as if it had been properly billed at the**
43 **point of sale, and the amount due is limited to what the entity would**
44 **have paid as if it had been properly billed at the point of sale; and**

45 **(2) If any action by the state to enforce its rights with respect to**
46 **such claim is commenced within six years of the state's submission of**
47 **such claim.**

48 **2. The department of social services, MO HealthNet division, or its**
49 **contractor may maintain an appropriate action to recover funds paid by the**
50 **department of social services or MO HealthNet division or its contractor that are**
51 **due under this section in the name of the state of Missouri against the person,**
52 **corporation, institution, public agency, or private agency liable to the participant,**

53 minor or estate.

54 3. Any participant, minor, guardian, conservator, personal representative,
55 estate, including persons entitled under section 537.080, RSMo, to bring an action
56 for wrongful death who pursues legal rights against a person, corporation,
57 institution, public agency, or private agency liable to that participant or minor
58 for injuries, disease or disability or benefits arising from a health insurance plan
59 to which the participant may be entitled as outlined in subsection 1 of this section
60 shall upon actual knowledge that the department of social services or MO
61 HealthNet division has paid MO HealthNet benefits as defined by this chapter
62 promptly notify the MO HealthNet division as to the pursuit of such legal rights.

63 4. Every applicant or participant by application assigns his right to the
64 department of social services or MO HealthNet division of any funds recovered
65 or expected to be recovered to the extent provided for in this section. All
66 applicants and participants, including a person authorized by the probate code,
67 shall cooperate with the department of social services, MO HealthNet division in
68 identifying and providing information to assist the state in pursuing any third
69 party who may be liable to pay for care and services available under the state's
70 plan for MO HealthNet benefits as provided in sections 208.151 to 208.159 and
71 sections 208.162 and 208.204. All applicants and participants shall cooperate
72 with the agency in obtaining third-party resources due to the applicant,
73 participant, or child for whom assistance is claimed. Failure to cooperate without
74 good cause as determined by the department of social services, MO HealthNet
75 division in accordance with federally prescribed standards shall render the
76 applicant or participant ineligible for MO HealthNet benefits under sections
77 208.151 to 208.159 and sections 208.162 and 208.204. A [recipient] **participant**
78 who has notice or who has actual knowledge of the department's rights to
79 third-party benefits who receives any third-party benefit or proceeds for a covered
80 illness or injury is either required to pay the division within sixty days after
81 receipt of settlement proceeds the full amount of the third-party benefits up to
82 the total MO HealthNet benefits provided or to place the full amount of the
83 third-party benefits in a trust account for the benefit of the division pending
84 judicial or administrative determination of the division's right to third-party
85 benefits.

86 5. Every person, corporation or partnership who acts for or on behalf of
87 a person who is or was eligible for MO HealthNet benefits under sections 208.151

88 to 208.159 and sections 208.162 and 208.204 for purposes of pursuing the
89 applicant's or participant's claim which accrued as a result of a nonoccupational
90 or nonwork-related incident or occurrence resulting in the payment of MO
91 HealthNet benefits shall notify the MO HealthNet division upon agreeing to
92 assist such person and further shall notify the MO HealthNet division of any
93 institution of a proceeding, settlement or the results of the pursuit of the claim
94 and give thirty days' notice before any judgment, award, or settlement may be
95 satisfied in any action or any claim by the applicant or participant to recover
96 damages for such injuries, disease, or disability, or benefits arising from a health
97 insurance program to which the participant may be entitled.

98 6. Every participant, minor, guardian, conservator, personal
99 representative, estate, including persons entitled under section 537.080, RSMo,
100 to bring an action for wrongful death, or his attorney or legal representative shall
101 promptly notify the MO HealthNet division of any recovery from a third party and
102 shall immediately reimburse the department of social services, MO HealthNet
103 division, or its contractor from the proceeds of any settlement, judgment, or other
104 recovery in any action or claim initiated against any such third party. A
105 judgment, award, or settlement in an action by a [recipient] **participant** to
106 recover damages for injuries or other third-party benefits in which the division
107 has an interest may not be satisfied without first giving the division notice and
108 a reasonable opportunity to file and satisfy the claim or proceed with any action
109 as otherwise permitted by law.

110 7. The department of social services, MO HealthNet division or its
111 contractor shall have a right to recover the amount of payments made to a
112 provider under this chapter because of an injury, disease, or disability, or benefits
113 arising from a health insurance plan to which the participant may be entitled for
114 which a third party is or may be liable in contract, tort or otherwise under law
115 or equity. Upon request by the MO HealthNet division, all third-party payers
116 shall provide the MO HealthNet division with information contained in a 270/271
117 Health Care Eligibility Benefits Inquiry and Response standard transaction
118 mandated under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act,
119 except that third-party payers shall not include accident-only, specified disease,
120 disability income, hospital indemnity, or other fixed indemnity insurance policies.

121 8. The department of social services or MO HealthNet division shall have
122 a lien upon any moneys to be paid by any insurance company or similar business

123 enterprise, person, corporation, institution, public agency or private agency in
124 settlement or satisfaction of a judgment on any claim for injuries or disability or
125 disease benefits arising from a health insurance program to which the participant
126 may be entitled which resulted in medical expenses for which the department or
127 MO HealthNet division made payment. This lien shall also be applicable to any
128 moneys which may come into the possession of any attorney who is handling the
129 claim for injuries, or disability or disease or benefits arising from a health
130 insurance plan to which the participant may be entitled which resulted in
131 payments made by the department or MO HealthNet division. In each case, a
132 lien notice shall be served by certified mail or registered mail, upon the party or
133 parties against whom the applicant or participant has a claim, demand or cause
134 of action. The lien shall claim the charge and describe the interest the
135 department or MO HealthNet division has in the claim, demand or cause of
136 action. The lien shall attach to any verdict or judgment entered and to any
137 money or property which may be recovered on account of such claim, demand,
138 cause of action or suit from and after the time of the service of the notice.

139 9. On petition filed by the department, or by the participant, or by the
140 defendant, the court, on written notice of all interested parties, may adjudicate
141 the rights of the parties and enforce the charge. The court may approve the
142 settlement of any claim, demand or cause of action either before or after a verdict,
143 and nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring the actual trial or final
144 adjudication of any claim, demand or cause of action upon which the department
145 has charge. The court may determine what portion of the recovery shall be paid
146 to the department against the recovery. In making this determination the court
147 shall conduct an evidentiary hearing and shall consider competent evidence
148 pertaining to the following matters:

149 (1) The amount of the charge sought to be enforced against the recovery
150 when expressed as a percentage of the gross amount of the recovery; the amount
151 of the charge sought to be enforced against the recovery when expressed as a
152 percentage of the amount obtained by subtracting from the gross amount of the
153 recovery the total attorney's fees and other costs incurred by the participant
154 incident to the recovery; and whether the department should, as a matter of
155 fairness and equity, bear its proportionate share of the fees and costs incurred to
156 generate the recovery from which the charge is sought to be satisfied;

157 (2) The amount, if any, of the attorney's fees and other costs incurred by

158 the participant incident to the recovery and paid by the participant up to the time
159 of recovery, and the amount of such fees and costs remaining unpaid at the time
160 of recovery;

161 (3) The total hospital, doctor and other medical expenses incurred for care
162 and treatment of the injury to the date of recovery therefor, the portion of such
163 expenses theretofore paid by the participant, by insurance provided by the
164 participant, and by the department, and the amount of such previously incurred
165 expenses which remain unpaid at the time of recovery and by whom such
166 incurred, unpaid expenses are to be paid;

167 (4) Whether the recovery represents less than substantially full
168 recompense for the injury and the hospital, doctor and other medical expenses
169 incurred to the date of recovery for the care and treatment of the injury, so that
170 reduction of the charge sought to be enforced against the recovery would not
171 likely result in a double recovery or unjust enrichment to the participant;

172 (5) The age of the participant and of persons dependent for support upon
173 the participant, the nature and permanency of the participant's injuries as they
174 affect not only the future employability and education of the participant but also
175 the reasonably necessary and foreseeable future material, maintenance, medical
176 rehabilitative and training needs of the participant, the cost of such reasonably
177 necessary and foreseeable future needs, and the resources available to meet such
178 needs and pay such costs;

179 (6) The realistic ability of the participant to repay in whole or in part the
180 charge sought to be enforced against the recovery when judged in light of the
181 factors enumerated above.

182 10. The burden of producing evidence sufficient to support the exercise by
183 the court of its discretion to reduce the amount of a proven charge sought to be
184 enforced against the recovery shall rest with the party seeking such
185 reduction. **The computerized records of the MO HealthNet division,
186 certified by the director or his or her designee, shall be prima facie
187 evidence of proof of moneys expended and the amount of the debt due
188 the state.**

189 11. The court may reduce and apportion the department's or MO
190 HealthNet division's lien proportionate to the recovery of the claimant. The court
191 may consider the nature and extent of the injury, economic and noneconomic loss,
192 settlement offers, comparative negligence as it applies to the case at hand,

193 hospital costs, physician costs, and all other appropriate costs. The department
194 or MO HealthNet division shall pay its pro rata share of the attorney's fees based
195 on the department's or MO HealthNet division's lien as it compares to the total
196 settlement agreed upon. This section shall not affect the priority of an attorney's
197 lien under section 484.140, RSMo. The charges of the department or MO
198 HealthNet division or contractor described in this section, however, shall take
199 priority over all other liens and charges existing under the laws of the state of
200 Missouri with the exception of the attorney's lien under such statute.

201 12. Whenever the department of social services or MO HealthNet division
202 has a statutory charge under this section against a recovery for damages incurred
203 by a participant because of its advancement of any assistance, such charge shall
204 not be satisfied out of any recovery until the attorney's claim for fees is satisfied,
205 [irrespective] **regardless** of whether [or not] an action based on participant's
206 claim has been filed in court. Nothing herein shall prohibit the director from
207 entering into a compromise agreement with any participant, after consideration
208 of the factors in subsections 9 to 13 of this section.

209 13. This section shall be inapplicable to any claim, demand or cause of
210 action arising under the workers' compensation act, chapter 287, RSMo. From
211 funds recovered pursuant to this section the federal government shall be paid a
212 portion thereof equal to the proportionate part originally provided by the federal
213 government to pay for MO HealthNet benefits to the participant or minor
214 involved. The department or MO HealthNet division shall enforce TEFRA liens,
215 42 U.S.C. 1396p, as authorized by federal law and regulation on permanently
216 institutionalized individuals. The department or MO HealthNet division shall
217 have the right to enforce TEFRA liens, 42 U.S.C. 1396p, as authorized by federal
218 law and regulation on all other institutionalized individuals. For the purposes
219 of this subsection, "permanently institutionalized individuals" includes those
220 people who the department or MO HealthNet division determines cannot
221 reasonably be expected to be discharged and return home, and "property" includes
222 the homestead and all other personal and real property in which the participant
223 has sole legal interest or a legal interest based upon co-ownership of the property
224 which is the result of a transfer of property for less than the fair market value
225 within thirty months prior to the participant's entering the nursing facility. The
226 following provisions shall apply to such liens:

227 (1) The lien shall be for the debt due the state for MO HealthNet benefits

228 paid or to be paid on behalf of a participant. The amount of the lien shall be for
229 the full amount due the state at the time the lien is enforced;

230 (2) The MO HealthNet division shall file for record, with the recorder of
231 deeds of the county in which any real property of the participant is situated, a
232 written notice of the lien. The notice of lien shall contain the name of the
233 participant and a description of the real estate. The recorder shall note the time
234 of receiving such notice, and shall record and index the notice of lien in the same
235 manner as deeds of real estate are required to be recorded and indexed. The
236 director or the director's designee may release or discharge all or part of the lien
237 and notice of the release shall also be filed with the recorder. The department
238 of social services, MO HealthNet division, shall provide payment to the recorder
239 of deeds the fees set for similar filings in connection with the filing of a lien and
240 any other necessary documents;

241 (3) No such lien may be imposed against the property of any individual
242 prior to the individual's death on account of MO HealthNet benefits paid except:

243 (a) In the case of the real property of an individual:

244 a. Who is an inpatient in a nursing facility, intermediate care facility for
245 the mentally retarded, or other medical institution, if such individual is required,
246 as a condition of receiving services in such institution, to spend for costs of
247 medical care all but a minimal amount of his or her income required for personal
248 needs; and

249 b. With respect to whom the director of the MO HealthNet division or the
250 director's designee determines, after notice and opportunity for hearing, that he
251 cannot reasonably be expected to be discharged from the medical institution and
252 to return home. The hearing, if requested, shall proceed under the provisions of
253 chapter 536, RSMo, before a hearing officer designated by the director of the MO
254 HealthNet division; or

255 (b) Pursuant to the judgment of a court on account of benefits incorrectly
256 paid on behalf of such individual;

257 (4) No lien may be imposed under paragraph (b) of subdivision (3) of this
258 subsection on such individual's home if one or more of the following persons is
259 lawfully residing in such home:

260 (a) The spouse of such individual;

261 (b) Such individual's child who is under twenty-one years of age, or is
262 blind or permanently and totally disabled; or

263 (c) A sibling of such individual who has an equity interest in such home
264 and who was residing in such individual's home for a period of at least one year
265 immediately before the date of the individual's admission to the medical
266 institution;

267 (5) Any lien imposed with respect to an individual pursuant to
268 subparagraph b of paragraph (a) of subdivision (3) of this subsection shall
269 dissolve upon that individual's discharge from the medical institution and return
270 home.

271 14. The debt due the state provided by this section is subordinate to the
272 lien provided by section 484.130, RSMo, or section 484.140, RSMo, relating to an
273 attorney's lien and to the participant's expenses of the claim against the third
274 party.

275 15. Application for and acceptance of MO HealthNet benefits under this
276 chapter shall constitute an assignment to the department of social services or MO
277 HealthNet division of any rights to support for the purpose of medical care as
278 determined by a court or administrative order and of any other rights to payment
279 for medical care.

280 16. All participants receiving benefits as defined in this chapter shall
281 cooperate with the state by reporting to the family support division or the MO
282 HealthNet division, within thirty days, any occurrences where an injury to their
283 persons or to a member of a household who receives MO HealthNet benefits is
284 sustained, on such form or forms as provided by the family support division or
285 MO HealthNet division.

286 17. If a person fails to comply with the provision of any judicial or
287 administrative decree or temporary order requiring that person to maintain
288 medical insurance on or be responsible for medical expenses for a dependent
289 child, spouse, or ex-spouse, in addition to other remedies available, that person
290 shall be liable to the state for the entire cost of the medical care provided
291 pursuant to eligibility under any public assistance program on behalf of that
292 dependent child, spouse, or ex-spouse during the period for which the required
293 medical care was provided. Where a duty of support exists and no judicial or
294 administrative decree or temporary order for support has been entered, the
295 person owing the duty of support shall be liable to the state for the entire cost of
296 the medical care provided on behalf of the dependent child or spouse to whom the
297 duty of support is owed.

298 18. The department director or the director's designee may compromise,
299 settle or waive any such claim in whole or in part in the interest of the MO
300 HealthNet program. Notwithstanding any provision in this section to the
301 contrary, the department of social services, MO HealthNet division is not required
302 to seek reimbursement from a liable third party on claims for which the amount
303 it reasonably expects to recover will be less than the cost of recovery or for which
304 recovery efforts will not be cost-effective. Cost-effectiveness is determined based
305 on the following:

- 306 (1) Actual and legal issues of liability as may exist between the [recipient]
307 **participant** and the liable party;
308 (2) Total funds available for settlement; and
309 (3) An estimate of the cost to the division of pursuing its claim.

208.453. Every hospital as defined by section 197.020, RSMo, except
2 [public hospitals which are operated primarily for the care and treatment of
3 mental disorders and] any hospital operated by the department of health and
4 senior services, shall, in addition to all other fees and taxes now required or paid,
5 pay a federal reimbursement allowance for the privilege of engaging in the
6 business of providing inpatient health care in this state. For the purpose of this
7 section, the phrase "engaging in the business of providing inpatient health care
8 in this state" shall mean accepting payment for inpatient services rendered. The
9 federal reimbursement allowance to be paid by a hospital which has an
10 unsponsored care ratio that exceeds sixty-five percent or hospitals owned or
11 operated by the board of curators, as defined in chapter 172, RSMo, may be
12 eliminated by the director of the department of social services. The unsponsored
13 care ratio shall be calculated by the department of social services.

208.895. Upon receipt of a properly completed referral for MO
2 HealthNet-funded home- and community-based care containing a nurse
3 assessment or physician's order, the department of health and senior services
4 [shall] **may**:

- 5 (1) Review the recommendations regarding services and process the
6 referral within fifteen business days;
7 (2) Issue a prior-authorization for home and community-based services
8 when information contained in the referral is sufficient to establish eligibility for
9 MO HealthNet-funded long-term care and determine the level of service need as
10 required under state and federal regulations;

11 (3) Arrange for the provision of services by an in-home provider;

12 (4) Reimburse the in-home provider for one nurse visit to conduct an
13 assessment and recommendation for a care plan and, where necessary based on
14 case circumstances, a second nurse visit may be authorized to gather additional
15 information or documentation necessary to constitute a completed referral;

16 (5) Notify the referring entity upon the authorization of MO HealthNet
17 eligibility and provide MO HealthNet reimbursement for personal care benefits
18 effective the date of the assessment or physician's order, and MO HealthNet
19 reimbursement for waiver services effective the date the state reviews and
20 approves the care plan;

21 (6) Notify the referring entity within five business days of receiving the
22 referral if additional information is required to process the referral; and

23 (7) Inform the provider and contact the individual when information is
24 insufficient or the proposed care plan requires additional evaluation by state staff
25 that is not obtained from the referring entity to schedule an in-home assessment
26 to be conducted by the state staff within thirty days.

27 **2. The department of health and senior services may contract for**
28 **initial home and community based assessments, including a care plan,**
29 **through an independent third-party assessor. The contract shall**
30 **include a requirement that:**

31 **(1) Within fifteen days of receipt of a referral for service, the**
32 **contractor shall have made a face-to-face assessment of care need and**
33 **developed a plan of care; and**

34 **(2) The contractor notify the referring entity within five days of**
35 **receipt of referral if additional information is needed to process the**
36 **referral.**

37 **The contract shall also include the same requirements for such**
38 **assessments as of January 1, 2010, related to timeliness of assessments**
39 **and the beginning of service. The contract shall be bid under chapter**
40 **34 and shall not be a risk-based contract.**

41 **3. The two nurse visits authorized by subsection 16 of section**
42 **660.300 shall continue to be performed by home and community based**
43 **providers for including, but not limited to, reassessment and level of**
44 **care recommendations. These reassessments and care plan changes**
45 **shall be reviewed and approved by the independent third party**
46 **assessor. In the event of dispute over the level of care required, the**

47 **third party assessor shall conduct a face to face review with the client**
48 **in question.**

49 **4. The provisions of this section shall expire three years after the**
50 **effective date of this section.**

208.909. 1. Consumers receiving personal care assistance services shall
2 be responsible for:

3 (1) Supervising their personal care attendant;

4 (2) Verifying wages to be paid to the personal care attendant;

5 (3) Preparing and submitting time sheets, signed by both the consumer
6 and personal care attendant, to the vendor on a biweekly basis;

7 (4) Promptly notifying the department within ten days of any changes in
8 circumstances affecting the personal care assistance services plan or in the
9 consumer's place of residence; [and]

10 (5) Reporting any problems resulting from the quality of services rendered
11 by the personal care attendant to the vendor. If the consumer is unable to resolve
12 any problems resulting from the quality of service rendered by the personal care
13 attendant with the vendor, the consumer shall report the situation to the
14 department; **and**

15 **(6) Providing the vendor with all necessary information to**
16 **complete required paperwork for establishing the employer**
17 **identification number.**

18 2. Participating vendors shall be responsible for:

19 (1) Collecting time sheets **or reviewing reports of delivered services**
20 and certifying [their] **the accuracy thereof;**

21 (2) The Medicaid reimbursement process, including the filing of claims
22 and reporting data to the department as required by rule;

23 (3) Transmitting the individual payment directly to the personal care
24 attendant on behalf of the consumer;

25 (4) Monitoring the performance of the personal care assistance services
26 plan.

27 3. No state or federal financial assistance shall be authorized or expended
28 to pay for services provided to a consumer under sections 208.900 to 208.927, if
29 the primary benefit of the services is to the household unit, or is a household task
30 that the members of the consumer's household may reasonably be expected to
31 share or do for one another when they live in the same household, unless such

32 service is above and beyond typical activities household members may reasonably
33 provide for another household member without a disability.

34 4. No state or federal financial assistance shall be authorized or expended
35 to pay for personal care assistance services provided by a personal care attendant
36 who is listed on any of the background check lists in the family care safety
37 registry under sections 210.900 to 210.937, RSMo, unless a good cause waiver is
38 first obtained from the department in accordance with section 660.317, RSMo.

39 5. (1) All vendors shall, by July 1, 2015, have, maintain, and use
40 a telephone tracking system for the purpose of reporting and verifying
41 the delivery of consumer-directed services as authorized by the
42 department of health and senior services or its designee. Use of such
43 a system prior to July 1, 2015, shall be voluntary. The telephone
44 tracking system shall be used to process payroll for employees and for
45 submitting claims for reimbursement to the MO HealthNet division. At
46 a minimum, the telephone tracking system shall:

47 (a) Record the exact date services are delivered;

48 (b) Record the exact time the services begin and exact time the
49 services end;

50 (c) Verify the telephone number from which the services are
51 registered;

52 (d) Verify that the number from which the call is placed is a
53 telephone number unique to the client;

54 (e) Require a personal identification number unique to each
55 personal care attendant;

56 (f) Be capable of producing reports of services delivered, tasks
57 performed, client identity, beginning and ending times of service and
58 date of service in summary fashion that constitute adequate
59 documentation of service; and

60 (g) Be capable of producing reimbursement requests for
61 consumer approval that assures accuracy and compliance with program
62 expectations for both the consumer and vendor.

63 (2) The department of health and senior services, in
64 collaboration with other appropriate agencies, including centers for
65 independent living, shall establish telephone tracking system pilot
66 projects, implemented in two regions of the state, with one in an urban
67 area and one in a rural area. Each pilot project shall meet the

68 requirements of this section and section 208.918. The department of
69 health and senior services shall, by December 31, 2013, submit a report
70 to the governor and general assembly detailing the outcomes of these
71 pilot projects. The report shall take into consideration the impact of
72 a telephone tracking system on the quality of the services delivered to
73 the consumer and the principles of self-directed care.

74 (3) As new technology becomes available, the department may
75 allow use of a more advanced tracking system, provided that such
76 system is at least as capable of meeting the requirements of this
77 subsection.

78 (4) The department of health and senior services shall
79 promulgate by rule the minimum necessary criteria of the telephone
80 tracking system. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined
81 in section 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this
82 section shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to
83 all of the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028.
84 This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers
85 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to
86 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
87 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
88 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2010, shall
89 be invalid and void.

90 6. In the event that a consensus between centers for independent
91 living and representatives from the executive branch cannot be
92 reached, the telephony report issued to the general assembly and
93 governor shall include a minority report which shall detail those
94 elements of substantial dissent from the main report.

95 7. No interested party, including a center for independent living,
96 shall be required to contract with any particular vendor or provider of
97 telephony services nor bear the full cost of the pilot program.

208.918. 1. In order to qualify for an agreement with the department, the
2 vendor shall have a philosophy that promotes the consumer's ability to live
3 independently in the most integrated setting or the maximum community
4 inclusion of persons with physical disabilities, and shall demonstrate the ability
5 to provide, directly or through contract, the following services:

6 (1) Orientation of consumers concerning the responsibilities of being an
7 employer, supervision of personal care attendants including the preparation and
8 verification of time sheets;

9 (2) Training for consumers about the recruitment and training of personal
10 care attendants;

11 (3) Maintenance of a list of persons eligible to be a personal care
12 attendant;

13 (4) Processing of inquiries and problems received from consumers and
14 personal care attendants;

15 (5) Ensuring the personal care attendants are registered with the family
16 care safety registry as provided in sections 210.900 to 210.937, RSMo; and

17 (6) The capacity to provide fiscal conduit services **through a telephone**
18 **tracking system by the date required under section 208.909.**

19 2. In order to maintain its agreement with the department, a vendor shall
20 comply with the provisions of subsection 1 of this section and shall:

21 (1) Demonstrate sound fiscal management as evidenced on accurate
22 quarterly financial reports and annual audit submitted to the department; and

23 (2) Demonstrate a positive impact on consumer outcomes regarding the
24 provision of personal care assistance services as evidenced on accurate quarterly
25 and annual service reports submitted to the department;

26 (3) Implement a quality assurance and supervision process that ensures
27 program compliance and accuracy of records; and

28 (4) Comply with all provisions of sections 208.900 to 208.927, and the
29 regulations promulgated thereunder.

660.023. 1. All in-home services provider agencies shall, by July
2 **1, 2015, have, maintain, and use a telephone tracking system for the**
3 **purpose of reporting and verifying the delivery of home and community**
4 **based services as authorized by the department of health and senior**
5 **services or its designee. Use of such system prior to July 1, 2015, shall**
6 **be voluntary. At a minimum, the telephone tracking system shall:**

7 (1) Record the exact date services are delivered;

8 (2) Record the exact time the services begin and exact time the
9 services end;

10 (3) Verify the telephone number from which the services were
11 registered;

12 (4) Verify that the number from which the call is placed is a
13 telephone number unique to the client;

14 (5) Require a personal identification number unique to each
15 personal care attendant; and

16 (6) Be capable of producing reports of services delivered, tasks
17 performed, client identity, beginning and ending times of service and
18 date of service in summary fashion that constitute adequate
19 documentation of service.

20 2. The telephone tracking system shall be used to process payroll
21 for employees and for submitting claims for reimbursement to the MO
22 HealthNet division.

23 3. The department of health and senior services shall promulgate
24 by rule the minimum necessary criteria of the telephone tracking
25 system. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section
26 536.010 that is created under the authority delegated in this section
27 shall become effective only if it complies with and is subject to all of
28 the provisions of chapter 536, and, if applicable, section 536.028. This
29 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers
30 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, to review, to
31 delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are
32 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking
33 authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2010, shall
34 be invalid and void.

35 4. As new technology becomes available, the department may
36 allow use of a more advance tracking system, provided that such system
37 is at least as capable of meeting the requirements listed in subsection
38 1 of this section.

39 5. The department of health and senior services, in collaboration
40 with other appropriate agencies, including in-home services providers,
41 shall establish telephone tracking system pilot projects, implemented
42 in two regions of the state, with one in an urban area and one in a
43 rural area. Each pilot project shall meet the requirements of this
44 section. The department of health and senior services shall, by
45 December 31, 2013, submit a report to the governor and general
46 assembly detailing the outcomes of these pilot projects. The report
47 shall take into consideration the impact of a telephone tracking system

48 **on the quality of the services delivered to the consumer and the**
49 **principles of self-directed care.**

50 **6. In the event that a consensus between in-home service**
51 **providers and representatives from the executive branch cannot be**
52 **reached, the telephony report issued to the general assembly and**
53 **governor shall include a minority report which will detail those**
54 **elements of substantial dissent from the main report.**

55 **7. No interested party, including in-home service providers, shall**
56 **be required to contract with any particular vendor or provider of**
57 **telephony services nor bear the full cost of the pilot program.**

660.300. 1. When any adult day care worker; chiropractor; Christian
2 Science practitioner; coroner; dentist; embalmer; employee of the departments of
3 social services, mental health, or health and senior services; employee of a local
4 area agency on aging or an organized area agency on aging program; funeral
5 director; home health agency or home health agency employee; hospital and clinic
6 personnel engaged in examination, care, or treatment of persons; in-home services
7 owner, provider, operator, or employee; law enforcement officer; long-term care
8 facility administrator or employee; medical examiner; medical resident or intern;
9 mental health professional; minister; nurse; nurse practitioner; optometrist; other
10 health practitioner; peace officer; pharmacist; physical therapist; physician;
11 physician's assistant; podiatrist; probation or parole officer; psychologist; or social
12 worker has reasonable cause to believe that an in-home services client has been
13 abused or neglected, as a result of in-home services, he or she shall immediately
14 report or cause a report to be made to the department. If the report is made by
15 a physician of the in-home services client, the department shall maintain contact
16 with the physician regarding the progress of the investigation.

17 2. When a report of deteriorating physical condition resulting in possible
18 abuse or neglect of an in-home services client is received by the department, the
19 client's case manager and the department nurse shall be notified. The client's
20 case manager shall investigate and immediately report the results of the
21 investigation to the department nurse. The department may authorize the in-
22 home services provider nurse to assist the case manager with the investigation.

23 3. If requested, local area agencies on aging shall provide volunteer
24 training to those persons listed in subsection 1 of this section regarding the
25 detection and report of abuse and neglect pursuant to this section.

26 4. Any person required in subsection 1 of this section to report or cause
27 a report to be made to the department who fails to do so within a reasonable time
28 after the act of abuse or neglect is guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

29 5. The report shall contain the names and addresses of the in-home
30 services provider agency, the in-home services employee, the in-home services
31 client, the home health agency, the home health agency employee, information
32 regarding the nature of the abuse or neglect, the name of the complainant, and
33 any other information which might be helpful in an investigation.

34 6. In addition to those persons required to report under subsection 1 of
35 this section, any other person having reasonable cause to believe that an in-home
36 services client or home health patient has been abused or neglected by an in-
37 home services employee or home health agency employee may report such
38 information to the department.

39 7. If the investigation indicates possible abuse or neglect of an in-home
40 services client or home health patient, the investigator shall refer the complaint
41 together with his or her report to the department director or his or her designee
42 for appropriate action. If, during the investigation or at its completion, the
43 department has reasonable cause to believe that immediate action is necessary
44 to protect the in-home services client or home health patient from abuse or
45 neglect, the department or the local prosecuting attorney may, or the attorney
46 general upon request of the department shall, file a petition for temporary care
47 and protection of the in-home services client or home health patient in a circuit
48 court of competent jurisdiction. The circuit court in which the petition is filed
49 shall have equitable jurisdiction to issue an ex parte order granting the
50 department authority for the temporary care and protection of the in-home
51 services client or home health patient, for a period not to exceed thirty days.

52 8. Reports shall be confidential, as provided under section 660.320.

53 9. Anyone, except any person who has abused or neglected an in-home
54 services client or home health patient, who makes a report pursuant to this
55 section or who testifies in any administrative or judicial proceeding arising from
56 the report shall be immune from any civil or criminal liability for making such
57 a report or for testifying except for liability for perjury, unless such person acted
58 negligently, recklessly, in bad faith, or with malicious purpose.

59 10. Within five working days after a report required to be made under this
60 section is received, the person making the report shall be notified in writing of

61 its receipt and of the initiation of the investigation.

62 11. No person who directs or exercises any authority in an in-home
63 services provider agency or home health agency shall harass, dismiss or retaliate
64 against an in-home services client or home health patient, or an in-home services
65 employee or a home health agency employee because he or any member of his or
66 her family has made a report of any violation or suspected violation of laws,
67 standards or regulations applying to the in-home services provider agency or
68 home health agency or any in-home services employee or home health agency
69 employee which he has reasonable cause to believe has been committed or has
70 occurred.

71 12. Any person who abuses or neglects an in-home services client or home
72 health patient is subject to criminal prosecution under section 565.180, 565.182,
73 or 565.184, RSMo. If such person is an in-home services employee and has been
74 found guilty by a court, and if the supervising in-home services provider willfully
75 and knowingly failed to report known abuse by such employee to the department,
76 the supervising in-home services provider may be subject to administrative
77 penalties of one thousand dollars per violation to be collected by the department
78 and the money received therefor shall be paid to the director of revenue and
79 deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund. Any in-
80 home services provider which has had administrative penalties imposed by the
81 department or which has had its contract terminated may seek an administrative
82 review of the department's action pursuant to chapter 621, RSMo. Any decision
83 of the administrative hearing commission may be appealed to the circuit court in
84 the county where the violation occurred for a trial de novo. For purposes of this
85 subsection, the term "violation" means a determination of guilt by a court.

86 13. The department shall establish a quality assurance and supervision
87 process for clients that requires an in-home services provider agency to conduct
88 random visits to verify compliance with program standards and verify the
89 accuracy of records kept by an in-home services employee.

90 14. The department shall maintain the employee disqualification list and
91 place on the employee disqualification list the names of any persons who have
92 been finally determined by the department, pursuant to section 660.315, to have
93 recklessly, knowingly or purposely abused or neglected an in-home services client
94 or home health patient while employed by an in-home services provider agency
95 or home health agency. For purposes of this section only, "knowingly" and

96 "recklessly" shall have the meanings that are ascribed to them in this section.
97 A person acts "knowingly" with respect to the person's conduct when a reasonable
98 person should be aware of the result caused by his or her conduct. A person acts
99 "recklessly" when the person consciously disregards a substantial and
100 unjustifiable risk that the person's conduct will result in serious physical injury
101 and such disregard constitutes a gross deviation from the standard of care that
102 a reasonable person would exercise in the situation.

103 15. At the time a client has been assessed to determine the level of care
104 as required by rule and is eligible for in-home services, the department shall
105 conduct a "Safe at Home Evaluation" to determine the client's physical, mental,
106 and environmental capacity. The department shall develop the safe at home
107 evaluation tool by rule in accordance with chapter 536, RSMo. The purpose of the
108 safe at home evaluation is to assure that each client has the appropriate level of
109 services and professionals involved in the client's care. The plan of service or
110 care for each in-home services client shall be authorized by a nurse. The
111 department may authorize the licensed in-home services nurse, in lieu of the
112 department nurse, to conduct the assessment of the client's condition and to
113 establish a plan of services or care. The department may use the expertise,
114 services, or programs of other departments and agencies on a case-by-case basis
115 to establish the plan of service or care. The department may, as indicated by the
116 safe at home evaluation, refer any client to a mental health professional, as
117 defined in 9 CSR 30-4.030, for evaluation and treatment as necessary.

118 16. Authorized nurse visits shall occur at least twice annually to assess
119 the client and the client's plan of services. The provider nurse shall report the
120 results of his or her visits to the client's case manager. If the provider nurse
121 believes that the plan of service requires alteration, the department shall be
122 notified and the department shall make a client evaluation. All authorized nurse
123 visits shall be reimbursed to the in-home services provider. All authorized nurse
124 visits shall be reimbursed outside of the nursing home cap for in-home services
125 clients whose services have reached one hundred percent of the average statewide
126 charge for care and treatment in an intermediate care facility, provided that the
127 services have been preauthorized by the department.

128 17. All in-home services clients shall be advised of their rights by the
129 department **or the department's designee** at the initial evaluation. The rights
130 shall include, but not be limited to, the right to call the department for any

131 reason, including dissatisfaction with the provider or services. **The department**
132 **may contract for services relating to receiving such complaints.** The
133 department shall establish a process to receive such nonabuse and neglect calls
134 other than the elder abuse and neglect hotline.

135 18. Subject to appropriations, all nurse visits authorized in sections
136 660.250 to 660.300 shall be reimbursed to the in-home services provider agency.

660.425. 1. In addition to all other fees and taxes required or paid, a tax
2 is hereby imposed upon in-home services providers for the privilege of providing
3 in-home services [under chapter 208, RSMo]. The tax is imposed upon payments
4 received by an in-home services provider for the provision of in-home services
5 [under chapter 208, RSMo].

6 2. For purposes of sections 660.425 to 660.465, the following terms shall
7 mean:

8 (1) "Engaging in the business of providing in-home services", all payments
9 received by an in-home services provider for the provision of in-home services
10 [under chapter 208, RSMo];

11 (2) "In-home services", homemaker services, personal care services, chore
12 services, respite services, consumer-directed services, and services, when provided
13 in the individual's home and under a plan of care created by a physician,
14 necessary to keep children out of hospitals. "In-home services" shall not include
15 home health services as defined by federal and state law;

16 (3) "In-home services provider", any provider or vendor, as defined in
17 section 208.900, RSMo, of compensated in-home services [under chapter 208,
18 RSMo], and under a provider agreement or contracted with the department of
19 social services or the department of health and senior services.

660.430. 1. Each in-home services provider in this state providing
2 in-home services [under chapter 208, RSMo,] shall, in addition to all other fees
3 and taxes now required or paid, pay an in-home services gross receipts tax, not
4 to exceed six and one-half percent of gross receipts, for the privilege of engaging
5 in the business of providing in-home services in this state.

6 2. Each in-home services provider's tax shall be based on a formula set
7 forth in rules promulgated by the department of social services. Any rule or
8 portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, RSMo, that is created
9 under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it

10 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo, and,
11 if applicable, section 536.028, RSMo.

12 This section and chapter 536, RSMo, are nonseverable and if any of the powers
13 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536, RSMo, to review, to
14 delay the effective date or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
15 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed
16 or adopted after August 28, 2009, shall be invalid and void.

17 3. The director of the department of social services or the director's
18 designee may prescribe the form and contents of any forms or other documents
19 required by sections 660.425 to 660.465.

20 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, appeals
21 regarding the promulgation of rules under this section shall be made to the
22 circuit court of Cole County. The circuit court of Cole County shall hear the
23 matter as the court of original jurisdiction.

660.435. 1. For purposes of assessing the tax under sections 660.425 to
2 660.465, the department of health and senior services shall make available to the
3 department of social services a list of all providers and vendors under this
4 section.

5 2. Each in-home services provider subject to sections 660.425 to 660.465
6 shall keep such records as may be necessary to determine the total payments
7 received for the provision of in-home services [under chapter 208, RSMo,] by the
8 in-home services provider. Every in-home services provider shall submit to the
9 department of social services a statement that accurately reflects such
10 information as is necessary to determine such in-home services provider's tax due.

11 3. The director of the department of social services may prescribe the form
12 and contents of any forms or other documents required by this section.

13 4. Each in-home services provider shall report the total payments received
14 for the provision of in-home services [under chapter 208, RSMo,] to the
15 department of social services.

660.445. 1. The determination of the amount of tax due shall be the total
2 amount of payments reported to the department multiplied by the tax rate
3 established by rule by the department of social services.

4 2. The department of social services shall notify each in-home services
5 provider of the amount of tax due. Such amount may be paid in increments over
6 the balance of the assessment period.

7 3. The department of social services may adjust the tax due quarterly on
8 a prospective basis. The department of social services may adjust the tax due
9 more frequently for individual providers if there is a substantial and statistically
10 significant change in the in-home services provided or in the payments received
11 for such services provided [under chapter 208, RSMo]. The department of social
12 services may define such adjustment criteria by rule.

660.455. 1. The in-home services tax owed or, if an offset has been made,
2 the balance after such offset, if any, shall be remitted by the in-home services
3 provider to the department of social services. The remittance shall be made
4 payable to the director of the department of social services and shall be deposited
5 in the state treasury to the credit of the "In-home Services Gross Receipts Tax
6 Fund" which is hereby created to provide payments for in-home services provided
7 [under chapter 208, RSMo]. All investment earnings of the fund shall be credited
8 to the fund.

9 2. An offset authorized by section 660.450 or a payment to the in-home
10 services gross receipts tax fund shall be accepted as payment of the obligation set
11 forth in section 660.425.

12 3. The state treasurer shall maintain records showing the amount of
13 money in the in-home services gross receipts tax fund at any time and the amount
14 of investment earnings on such amount. 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of
15 section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary, any unexpended balance in the in-home
16 services gross receipts tax fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the
17 credit of the general revenue fund.

660.460. 1. The department of social services shall notify each in-home
2 services provider with a tax due of more than ninety days of the amount of such
3 balance. If any in-home services provider fails to pay its in-home services tax
4 within thirty days of such notice, the in-home services tax shall be delinquent.

5 2. If any tax imposed under sections 660.425 to 660.465 is unpaid and
6 delinquent, the department of social services may proceed to enforce the state's
7 lien against the property of the in-home services provider and compel the
8 payment of such assessment in the circuit court having jurisdiction in the county
9 where the in-home services provider is located. In addition, the department of
10 social services may cancel or refuse to issue, extend, or reinstate a Medicaid
11 provider agreement to any in-home services provider that fails to pay the tax
12 imposed by section 660.425.

13 3. Failure to pay the tax imposed under section 660.425 shall be grounds
14 for failure to renew a provider agreement for services [under chapter 208, RSMo,]
15 or failure to renew a provider contract. The department of social services may
16 revoke the provider agreement of any in-home services provider that fails to pay
17 such tax, or notify the department of health and senior services to revoke the
18 provider contract.

 660.465. 1. The in-home services tax required by sections 660.425 to
2 660.465 shall expire:

3 (1) Ninety days after any one or more of the following conditions are met:

4 (a) The aggregate in-home services fee as appropriated by the general
5 assembly paid to in-home services providers for in-home services provided [under
6 chapter 208, RSMo,] is less than the fiscal year 2010 in-home services fees
7 reimbursement amount; or

8 (b) The formula used to calculate the reimbursement as appropriated by
9 the general assembly for in-home services provided is changed resulting in lower
10 reimbursement to in-home services providers in the aggregate than provided in
11 fiscal year 2010; or

12 (2) September 1, [2011] **2012**.

13 The director of the department of social services shall notify the revisor of
14 statutes of the expiration date as provided in this subsection.

15 2. Sections 660.425 to 660.465 shall expire on September 1, [2011] **2012**.

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