

HOUSE BILL NO. 2295

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES HOLSMAN (Sponsor), LeBLANC, OXFORD, CALLOWAY,
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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 208, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the KidCare Co-op program.

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

Section A. Chapter 208, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 208.665, to read as follows:

208.665. 1. **Subject to appropriations, there is hereby established the "KidCare Co-**
2 **op Program"** within the department of social services to provide affordable health
3 insurance coverage for all children up to nineteen years of age who are residents of this
4 state. The KidCare Co-op shall be a public option nonprofit health insurance cooperative.

5 2. There shall be no income limits regarding eligibility for coverage under the
6 program. The department may operate the KidCare Co-op program in conjunction with
7 the state children's health insurance program (SCHIP) by screening and offering coverage
8 to children who are not eligible for coverage under the SCHIP program established under
9 sections 208.631 to 208.657.

10 3. Under the KidCare Co-op program, parents or guardians of children may
11 purchase health insurance coverage for their children through the health insurance
12 cooperative. The following premiums and co-payments shall apply under the program:

- 13 (1) The monthly premium for each child shall be twenty-five dollars;
14 (2) General office visits shall have a fifteen dollar co-payment;
15 (3) Urgent care visits shall have a thirty-five dollar co-payment;
16 (4) Emergency room visits shall have a fifty dollar co-payment.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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18 **In addition, coverage amounts and maximums shall be based on rules promulgated by the**
19 **department.**

20 **4. The department shall establish by rule the criteria for health carriers and health**
21 **benefit plans to participate in the health insurance cooperative for the program.**

22 **5. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is**
23 **created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it**
24 **complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,**
25 **section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers**
26 **vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective**
27 **date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the**
28 **grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2010,**
29 **shall be invalid and void.**

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