

HJR 40 -- EXPANSION OF THE MO HEALTHNET PROGRAM

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This resolution amends the Constitution of Missouri by expanding the MO HealthNet program. Beginning January 1, 2017, certain individuals must be eligible for an alternative package of MO HealthNet benefits. To be eligible, individuals must be age 19 or older and under age 65; must not be pregnant; must not be entitled to or enrolled for certain Medicare benefits; must not be otherwise eligible for the MO HealthNet program; and must have a household income that is at or below 133% of the federal poverty level for the applicable family size for the applicable year as converted to the MAGI equivalent net income standard. Individuals who meet the definition of medically frail must receive all coverage they are eligible to receive.

The MO HealthNet program must not provide coverage under this section to a parent or other caretaker relative living with a dependent child unless the child is receiving benefits under MO HealthNet, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or otherwise is enrolled in minimum essential health care coverage. The Department of Social Services must establish a screening process in conjunction with the Department of Mental Health and Department of Health and Senior Services for determining whether an individual is medically frail. The Department of Social Services must provide premium subsidy and other cost supports for individuals eligible for medical assistance under this section to enroll in employer-provided health plans based on cost effective principles determined by the department.