

CCS HCS SCS SB 210 -- HEALTH CARE

Currently, the provisions regarding the ground ambulance service reimbursement allowance, the nursing facility reimbursement allowance, the Medicaid managed care organization reimbursement allowance, Medicaid reimbursement payments to hospitals, the pharmacy tax, and the assessment on intermediate care facilities for the intellectually disabled expire on September 30, 2015. This bill extends the expiration date to September 30, 2016.

The bill specifies that if the Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance Unit within the Department of Social Services changes any interpretation or application of the requirements for reimbursement for MO HealthNet services from the interpretation or application that has been applied previously by the state in any audit of a MO HealthNet provider, it must notify all affected MO HealthNet providers five business days before the change can take effect. Failure of the unit to notify a provider of the change entitles the provider to continue to receive and retain reimbursement until the notification is provided and waives any liability of the provider for recoupment or other loss of any payments previously made prior to the five business days after the notice has been sent. The bill requires each provider to provide the unit with a valid e-mail address and to agree to receive communications electronically. The notification required must be delivered by the United States Postal Service or electronic mail to each provider. These provisions must not be construed to abrogate or limit the department's statutory requirement to establish rules under Chapter 536, RSMo.

The MO HealthNet Division within the department cannot recover disproportionate share hospital audit recoupments from any Tier I safety net hospital, excluding Department of Mental Health state-operated psychiatric hospitals, when an intergovernmental transfer was used for the non-federal share of its disproportionate share hospital payments. The bill prohibits general revenue funds from being used to offset any expenditure of funds to pay the recoupments to the federal government. These provisions will expire on September 30, 2022.