

HB 1753 -- STRUCTURED FAMILY CAREGIVING

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This bill adds structured family caregiving to the MO HealthNet Program to ensure the availability of comprehensive and cost-effective choices for a MO HealthNet participant to live at home in the community of his or her choice and to receive support from a caregiver of his or her choice. Structured family caregiving must be added as a covered home- and community-based waiver service in the Missouri aged and disabled adult waiver and the independent living waiver, subject to federal approval of any amendments to the home- and community-based waiver and the independent living waiver which are necessary to implement these provisions.

The bill specifies what the added structured family caregiving service must include.

Within 30 days of the effective date of these provisions, the MO HealthNet Division must, if necessary to implement the provisions of this section, apply to the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services for an amendment to the aged and disabled adult waiver and the independent living waiver for the purpose of including structured family caregiving as a covered service for eligible home- and community-based waiver care participants. The division must request an effective date of not later than July 1, 2017, and must take all administrative actions necessary to ensure time and equitable availability of structured family caregiving services for any home- and community-based care participant.

This bill is similar to HB 1177 (2015).