

HB 986 -- MO HealthNet Transformation Task Force

Sponsor: Barnes

This bill establishes the 16-member MO HealthNet Transformation Task Force in the Department of Social Services. The members are as follows:

- (1) The Director of the Department of Social Services, or his or her designee;
- (2) The Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services, or his or her designee;
- (3) The Director of the Department of Mental Health, or his or her designee;
- (4) Four members of the House of Representatives, including two from each political party;
- (5) Four members of the Senate, including two from each political party; and
- (6) Five members from the Missouri health care community who must be appointed by the Governor with Senate approval.

The task force must make recommendations in a report to the General Assembly on improvements that can be made to the state medical assistance health care delivery system. The report must include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Advice on more efficient and cost-effective ways to provide coverage for MO HealthNet participants;
- (2) An evaluation of how coverage for MO HealthNet participants can resemble that of commercially available health plans while complying with federal Medicaid requirements;
- (3) Possibilities for promoting healthy behavior by encouraging patients to take ownership of their health care and seek early preventative care;
- (4) Advice on the best manner in which to provide incentives, including a shared risk and savings to health plans and providers to encourage cost-effective delivery of care; and
- (5) Ways that individuals who currently receive medical care coverage through the MO HealthNet Program can transition to obtaining their health coverage through the private sector.

The task force must meet at least quarterly and annually submit by December 31 its recommendations and statewide plan for improvements to the MO HealthNet plan to the Governor, General Assembly, and director of the Department of Social Services. Members of the task force cannot receive any additional compensation but must be eligible for reimbursement for expenses directly related to the performance of task force duties.

The provisions of the bill expire May 31, 2024.