

HB 589 -- MO HEALTHNET PROGRAM (Hough)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Government Oversight and Accountability

This bill specifies that if Missouri Medicaid audit and compliance 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, Missouri Medicaid audit and compliance must notify all affected MO HealthNet providers five business days before the change takes effect. Failure of the Missouri Medicaid audit and compliance to notify a provider of the change entitles the provider to continue to receive and retain reimbursement until notification is provided and waives any liability of the provider for recoupment or other loss of any payments previously made prior to the date of the notice. The bill requires providers to provide the Missouri Medicaid Audit and Compliance Unit with a valid email address and agree to receive communication electronically. The notification required must be delivered by the United States Postal Service or electronic mail to each facility.

The bill specifies that the provisions do not abrogate or limit the department's statutory requirement to establish rules under Chapter 536, RSMo.

The bill requires the MO HealthNet Division within the Department of Social Services to provide an additional reimbursement to emergency medical technicians who divert MO HealthNet recipients who do not require emergency treatment from emergency departments to urgent care or other primary care facilities. The Department must have the authority to establish rules and regulations limiting the circumstances in which an emergency medical technician may divert a MO HealthNet recipient from an emergency department under the provisions of the bill.