

HB 660 -- MO HEALTH NET

SPONSOR: Ross

This bill specifies that beginning October 1, 2015, a MO HealthNet participant who uses hospital emergency department services for the treatment of a medical condition that is not an emergency medical condition is required to pay a co-payment of \$8 for the services. A participant must be notified of the \$8 co-payment prior to services being rendered.

An "emergency medical condition" is defined as a medical condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity including severe pain that a prudent layperson who possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine could reasonably expect the absence of immediate medical attention to result in the following:

- (1) Placing the health of the individual, or with respect to a pregnant woman, the health of the woman or her unborn child, in serious jeopardy;
- (2) Serious impairment to bodily functions; or
- (3) Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.