

HB 2658 -- SICKLE CELL AWARENESS

SPONSOR: Dogan

This bill designates the third full week of September of each year as "Sickle Cell Awareness Week".

This bill also requires the MO HealthNet Division, within the Department of Social Services, to conduct an annual review of medications and forms of treatment for sickle cell disease and services for MO HealthNet beneficiaries with a diagnosis of sickle cell disease.

The review shall:

- (1) Evaluate whether the available covered medications, treatments, and services are adequate.
- (2) Study information on treatments for sickle cell disease in late-stage studies that show promise.
- (3) Highlight provider and patient education on the disproportionate impact of sickle cell disease on specific minority population.

The MO HealthNet Division should solicit and consider input from persons or groups with knowledge and experience in sickle cell treatment. MO HealthNet must make the annual review available to the public on its website and provide a copy to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tem of the Senate.

This bill is similar to HB 2653 and HB 2559 (2022).