

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on May 30, 2021, the General Assembly adjourned pursuant to Article III, Section 20(a) of the Missouri Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Sections 190.800 to 190.839 RSMo authorize the ground ambulance service reimbursement allowance; and

WHEREAS, Sections 198.401 to 198.439 RSMo authorize the nursing facility reimbursement allowance; and

WHEREAS, Sections 208.431 to 208.437 RSMo authorize the Medicaid managed care organization reimbursement allowance; and

WHEREAS, Sections 408.453 to 408.482 RSMo authorize the federal reimbursement allowance ("FRA"); and

WHEREAS, Sections 338.500 to 338.550 RSMo authorize the pharmacy tax; and

WHEREAS, Section 633.401 RSMo authorize the intermediate care facility for the intellectually disabled assessment; and

WHEREAS, such reimbursement allowances, taxes, and assessments are set to expire on September 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly adjourned without extending the expiration date of such allowances, taxes, and assessments; and

WHEREAS, the calculation of state revenues for the Fiscal Year 2022 state operating budget included the provision of such allowances, taxes, and assessments to fund primary components of the MO HealthNet program; and

WHEREAS, the expiration of such allowances, taxes, and assessments will cost the State of Missouri approximately \$591 million dollars in fiscal year 2022 and approximately \$788 million dollars in fiscal year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the expiration of such allowances, taxes, and assessments will also result in reduced payments from the MO HealthNet program to healthcare providers in the amount of \$1.53 billion dollars in fiscal year 2022 and \$2 billion dollars in fiscal year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the expiration of such allowances, taxes, and assessments would also require the State of Missouri to institute immediate cost-savings measures, including rate decreases, elimination of non-mandatory MO HealthNet programs, and would result in additional fee schedule changes that would be detrimental to the citizens of the State of Missouri, and our healthcare providers; and

WHEREAS, these costs will significantly interfere with the provision of healthcare to Missourians and could cause disruptions in our state healthcare system.

NOW THEREFORE, on the extraordinary occasion that exists in the State of Missouri:

I, MICHAEL L. PARSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution of the State of Missouri, do, by this Proclamation, convene the One Hundred and First General Assembly of the State of Missouri in the First Extra Session of the First Regular Session; and

I HEREBY call upon the Senators and Representatives of said General Assembly to meet in the State Capitol in the City of Jefferson at the hour of 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 23rd, 2021; and

I HEREBY state that the action of said General Assembly is deemed necessary concerning each matter specifically designated and limited hereinafter as follows:

1. To enact legislation amending Section 190.839 RSMo, in order to extend the expiration of the ground ambulance service reimbursement allowance at least three years beyond the expiration date of September 30, 2021;

2. To enact legislation amending Section 198.439 RSMo, in order to extend the expiration of the nursing facility reimbursement allowance at least three years beyond the expiration date of September 30, 2021;
3. To enact legislation amending Section 208.437 RSMo, in order to extend the expiration of the Medicaid managed care organization reimbursement allowance at least three years beyond the expiration date of September 30, 2021;
4. To enact legislation amending Section 208.480 RSMo, in order to extend the expiration of the FRA at least three years beyond the expiration date of September 30, 2021;
5. To enact legislation amending Section 338.550 RSMo, in order to extend the expiration of the pharmacy tax at least three years beyond the expiration date of September 30, 2021;
6. To enact legislation amending Section 633.401 RSMo, in order to extend the expiration of the intermediate care facility for the intellectually disabled assessment at least three years beyond the expiration date of September 30, 2021;
7. To enact legislation amending subdivision (12) of subsection 1 of Section 208.152 RSMo, to exclude “abortifacient drugs or devices” from family planning services, and to further define “abortifacient drugs or devices” to include the following when prescribed and intended for family planning: mifepristone in a regimen with or without misoprostol when used to induce an abortion; misoprostol alone when used to induce an abortion; levonorgestrel (Plan B) when used to induce an abortion; ulipristal acetate (ella) or other progesterone antagonists when used to induce an abortion; an intrauterine device (IUD) or a manual vacuum aspirator (MVA) when used to induce an abortion; or any other drug or device approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration that is intended to cause the destruction of an unborn child, as defined in section 188.015;
8. To enact legislation amending Section 208.659 RSMo, in order to exclude a provider from reimbursement under the uninsured women’s health program if such provider is an abortion facility, as defined in section 188.015, or any affiliate or associate thereof;
9. To allow the Senate to consider appointments to boards, commissions, departments, and divisions that require the advice and consent of the Senate; and
10. Such additional and other matters as may be recommended by the Governor by special message to the General Assembly after it shall have been convened.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 22nd day of June, 2021.

MICHAEL L. PARSON
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOHN R. ASHCROFT
SECRETARY OF STATE