

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

The Missouri Department of Social Services, MO HealthNet Division, offers to the public an invitation to attend a meeting on the potential expansion of MO HealthNet managed care (Missouri Medicaid) to the southwest region of Missouri. The MO HealthNet managed care expansion would provide for at least 75,000 MO HealthNet children, families, and pregnant women in the southwest region of Missouri to receive health care services, such as doctor and dental visits, hospitalizations, and therapies, in a more coordinated framework than the current care delivery model, known as fee-for-service. The primary goal of a conversion to a managed care model would be to improve the accessibility and quality of health care services for the MO HealthNet managed care eligible population. Participants in an elderly or permanently disabled eligibility category of assistance would not be included in a MO HealthNet managed care proposed expansion.

Meeting details are as follows:

November 11, 2008
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Joplin Board of Realtors
712 S. Florida
Joplin, Missouri

The meeting will begin with an overview of the potential expansion followed by a public comment period. Individuals who wish to offer comment must register in advance in one of the following ways:

Email: Ask.MHD@dss.mo.gov

Telephone: 573/751-6922

Fax: 573/751-6564

Deadline for registration is Thursday, November 6, 2008.

Representatives of the news media may obtain copies of this notice by contacting:

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