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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 208.345, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to public assistance recipients.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 208.345, RSMo, is repealed and one new section 2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 208.345, to read as follows:

208.345. 1. The family support division [of family services], with the cooperation of the division of vocational rehabilitation, shall establish a protocol $\mathbf{2}$ 3 where persons who qualify for public assistance, including aid to families with dependent children, general relief and medical assistance, because of a disability 4 may be directed to an appropriate federal agency to apply for other benefits. The $\mathbf{5}$ 6 family support division [of family services] shall also establish a procedure to identify applicants and recipients who may be entitled to supplement or supplant 7 state benefits with other benefits through the Social Security Disability, Railroad 8 Retirement, Supplemental Security Income, Veterans, Qualified Medicare 9 Beneficiary and Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary and other programs. 10

2. The family support division shall refer all Medicaid recipients whose eligibility is based on disability and who are sixteen years of age or older to the division of vocational rehabilitation if disability was established by the family support division medical review team and the medical review team determines vocational rehabilitation services could restore the individual's ability to work. At each redetermination of disability, the medical review team shall evaluate the recipient's 18 compliance with vocational rehabilitation services. Recipients who fail 19 to comply with vocational rehabilitative services shall be required to 20 explain the reason for the noncompliance. Unless good cause exists, a 21 recipient who fails to comply with vocational rehabilitation services 22 shall not be eligible to continue receiving Medicaid based on disability.

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