TITLE 22 – MISSOURI CONSOLIDATED HEALTH CARE PLAN
Division 10 – Health Care Plan
Chapter 3 – Public Entity Membership

EMERGENCY AMENDMENT

22 CSR 10-3.075 Review and Appeals Procedure. The Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan is amending subsection (5)(C).

PURPOSE: This amendment corrects information regarding an exception for when an appeal following open enrollment may be approved.

*EMERGENCY STATEMENT: This emergency amendment must be in place by January 1, 2027, in accordance with the new plan year. Therefore, this emergency amendment is necessary to serve a compelling governmental interest of protecting members (public entity employee members, retirees, and their families) enrolled in the Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan (MCHCP) from the unintended consequences of confusion regarding eligibility or availability of benefits and will allow members to take advantage of opportunities for reduced premiums for more affordable options without which they may forego coverage. Further, it clarifies member eligibility and responsibility for various types of eligible charges, beginning with the first day of coverage for the new plan year. It may also help ensure that inappropriate claims are not made against the state and help protect the MCHCP and its members from being subjected to unexpected and significant financial liability and/or litigation. It is imperative that this amendment be filed as an emergency amendment to maintain the integrity of the current health care plan. This emergency amendment fulfills the compelling governmental interest of offering access to more convenient and affordable medical services to public entity employee members, retirees, and their families as one (1) method of protecting the MCHCP trust fund from more costly expenses. This emergency amendment reflects changes made to the plan by the Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan Board of Trustees. A proposed amendment, which covers the same material, will be published in the December 15, 2026, issue of the **Missouri Register**. This emergency amendment complies with the protections extended by the **Missouri** and **United States Constitutions** and limits its scope to the circumstances creating the emergency. The MCHCP follows procedures best calculated to assure fairness to all interested persons and parties under the circumstances. This emergency amendment was filed November 16, 2026 becomes effective January 1, 2027 and expires June 29, 2027.*

(5) In reviewing appeals, notwithstanding any other rule, the board and/or staff may grant any appeals when there is credible evidence to support approval under the following guidelines:

(C) MCHCP may approve an appeal to change the type of medical or vision plan that the subscriber elected or defaulted to during the annual open enrollment period if the request is made within thirty-one (31) calendar days of the beginning of the new plan year*[, except that no changes will be considered for Health Savings Account (HSA) Plan elections after the first MCHCP Health Savings Account contribution has been transmitted for deposit to the subscriber's account]*. This guideline may not be used to elect or cancel coverage or to enroll or cancel dependents. If a subscriber has his/her premium collected pre-tax by qualified payroll deduction through a cafeteria plan, changes may be approved if the reason given is allowed by the cafeteria plan;

*AUTHORITY: section 103.059, RSMo 2016. Emergency rule filed Dec. 20, 2004, effective Jan. 1, 2005, expired June 29, 2005. Original rule filed Dec. 20, 2004, effective June 30, 2005. For intervening history, please consult the **Code of State Regulations**. Emergency amendment filed Nov. 16, 2026, effective Jan. 1, 2027, expires June 29, 2027. An emergency and a proposed amendment covering this same material will be published in the December 15, 2026, issue of the **Missouri Register**.*

PUBLIC COST: This emergency amendment will not cost state agencies or political subdivisions more than five hundred dollars ($500) in the time the emergency is in effect.

PRIVATE COST: This emergency amendment will not cost private entities more than five hundred dollars ($500) in the time the emergency is in effect.