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Cindy Mann, Director
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Dear Ms. Mann:

AARP Missouri is well aware of repeated requests by your agency to Missouri Medicaid officials regarding its Medicaid participants. The State of Missouri is non-compliant relative to Medicaid regulations by requiring participants to be homebound and also receiving a skilled nursing or therapy service in order to receive Medicaid home health services.

AARP is appalled that the State has ignored requests from CMS as well as other agencies in Missouri that have expressed their dismay at the number of Medicaid participants denied of this benefit. The provisions are detrimental to the disability community who strive to live independently in their communities.

AARP Missouri has written a letter to Mr. Ron Levy, urging Missouri to adhere to CMS regulations. AARP stands ready to work with your agency and other agency groups in Missouri to resolve this issue.

Sincerely,

Craig Eichelman, Senior State Director
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cc: Jackie Glaze, Acting Associate Administrator for Medicaid and Children's Health Operations

Dr. Ian McCaslin, Missouri Department of MO HealthNet
Mr. Ron Levy, Director of Missouri Department Social Services



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Mr. Ron Levy, Director
Missouri Department of Social Services
Broadway State Office Building
P.O. Box 1527
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Dear Ron:

AARP Missouri is writing to urge your department to eliminate the illegal requirement denying a Medicaid service to the senior and disabled population in need of homebound services. In accordance with CMS regulations, the additional requirement of homebound status and skilled nursing or therapy services is not in compliance with CMS regulations and does not achieve a more cost effective way to deliver services to those persons who struggle to live independently.

Missouri is confronted with serious budget shortfalls. Allowing one of the most vulnerable populations to remain in their homes removes barriers to services that are critical to their survival. AARP is hopeful you will reconsider and respond appropriately to this request.

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