

# Advocating for a Better HealthNet

1. We believe lack of health care coverage for **individuals with disabilities** is based on issues of **quality, access and affordability.**

- Health care is not a luxury for people with disabilities—it is essential for basic well-being.
- MO HealthNet has the potential to address the specific needs of people with disabilities.

2. **Our recommendations for improving access to quality, affordable healthcare coverage for people with disabilities:**



**Support HB 39:** Allow disabled Missourians to work and keep their health coverage. Don't change this bill! Preserve the 250% FPL eligibility and the reduction in premium spend-downs.



**Improve SB 577 to include:**

**QUALITY:** Reinstate coverage of Durable Medical Equipment (i.e. wheelchairs, hearing aids, breathing equipment, catheters etc.).

**ACCESS:** Consumer choice; physical, speech, and occupational therapies available as home- and community-based services.

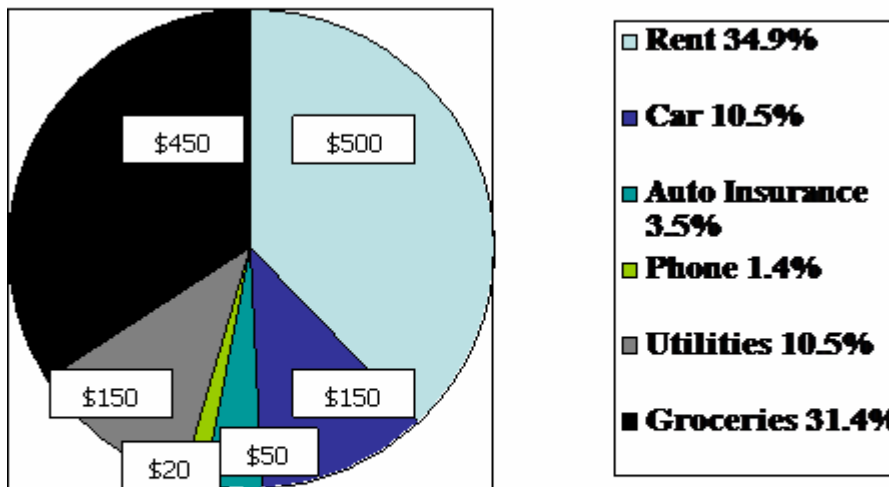
**AFFORDABILITY:** Raise the eligibility level to 100% FPL, reducing spend-downs.

3. **Budget for family of three living at 100% of the federal poverty line.**

**Budget: 3-Person Family (2 Adults, 1 Child)**

Monthly Gross Income: \$1,430.83.

Money Remaining Each Month: \$110.83



**\$110.83 Left For: Health Insurance, Entertainment, Gas, and Costs Related to Disability**

**This Family Needs Assistance to Meet Basic Needs!**  
FPL- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2007)