

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 159
97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Small Business, Insurance and Industry, March 28, 2013, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to insurance coverage for physical therapy services.

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

Section A. Chapter 376, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new
2 section, to be known as section 376.1235, to read as follows:

**376.1235. 1. No health carrier or health benefit plan, as defined
2 in section 376.1350, shall impose a co-payment, co-insurance, or office
3 visit deductible amount charged to the insured for services rendered
4 for each date of service by a physical therapist licensed under chapter
5 334, for services that require a prescription, that is greater than the co-
6 payment, co-insurance, or office visit deductible amount charged to the
7 insured for the services of a primary care physician licensed under
8 chapter 334 for an office visit.**

9 **2. A health carrier or health benefit plan shall clearly state the
10 availability of physical therapy coverage under its plan and all related
11 limitations, conditions, and exclusions.**

12 **3. Beginning September 1, 2013, the oversight division of the
13 joint committee on legislative research shall perform an actuarial
14 analysis of the cost impact to health carriers, insureds with a health
15 benefit plan, and other private and public payers if the provisions of
16 this section were enacted. By December 31, 2013, the director of the
17 oversight division of the joint committee on legislative research shall
18 submit a report of the actuarial findings prescribed by this section to
19 the speaker, the president pro tem, and the chairpersons of both the
20 house of representatives and senate standing committees having**

21 jurisdiction over health insurance matters. If the fiscal note cost
22 estimation is less than the cost of an actuarial analysis, the actuarial
23 analysis requirement shall be waived.

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