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## AN ACT

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

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*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 that is greater than the co-payment, co-insurance, or office visit  
6 deductible amount charged to the insured for the services of a primary  
7 care physician licensed under chapter 334 for an office visit.**

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

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