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AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to mandated health insurance coverage.

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 section, to be known as section 376.1224, to read as follows:

376.1224. 1. Each policy issued by an entity offering individual and group health insurance which provides coverage on an expense-incurred basis, individual and group health service or indemnity contracts issued by a nonprofit corporation, individual and group service contracts issued by a health maintenance organization, all self-insured group health arrangements not preempted by federal law, and all health care plans provided by managed health care delivery entities of any type of description that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this state after July 1, 2002, shall provide coverage for hearing exams, hearing aids, cochlear implants, auditory brainstem implants, vibrotactile devices for persons with hearing loss, and related follow-up rehabilitation services.

2. The health care services required by this section shall not be subject to any greater deductible or co-payment than other similar health care services provided by the policy, contract or plan.

3. This section shall not apply to a supplemental insurance policy, including a

life care contract, accident-only policy, long-term care policy, short-term major medical policies of six months or less duration, or any other supplemental policy as determined by the director of the department of insurance.

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