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95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to health insurance coverage for dental care services provided to pregnant women.

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 376.1228, to read as follows:

376.1228. 1. All health benefit plans issued by a health carrier
2 that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed on or
3 after August 28, 2009, shall provide coverage to pregnant women for
4 dental care services that are delivered by a licensed dentist acting
5 within the scope of his or her practice as defined in chapter 332,
6 RSMo. Dental care services, shall include, but not be limited to,
7 services related to the treatment of periodontal disease and dental care
8 disease for pregnant women.

9 2. For the purposes of this section, "health carrier" and "health
10 benefit plan" shall have the same meaning as defined in section
11 376.1350.

12 3. The health care service required by this section shall not be
13 subject to any greater deductible or co-payment than other similar
14 health care services provided by the health benefit plan.

15 4. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a
16 supplemental insurance policy, including a life care contract,
17 accident-only policy, dental-only plan, specified disease policy, hospital
18 policy providing a fixed daily benefit only, Medicare supplement policy,
19 long-term care policy, short-term major medical policies of six months'
20 or less duration, or any other supplemental policy.

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