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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to contracts between health carriers and health care providers.

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 376.444, to read as follows:

376.444. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

- 3 (1) "Health carrier", the same meaning as such term is defined in 4 section 376.1350;
- 5 (2) "Provider", the same meaning as such term is defined in 6 section 376.1350 and licensed pharmacies and home health agencies.
- 2. An agreement between a health carrier and a participating provider under this chapter or chapter 354, RSMo, shall not contain a provision that requires the participating provider to disclose the participating provider's reimbursement rates under contracts with other health carriers.
- 3. Any contract provision that violates this section is void and unenforceable.

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