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96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

AN ACT

To repeal section 374.284, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof nine new sections relating to the Show-Me health insurance exchange act.

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

Section A. Section 374.284, RSMo, is repealed and nine new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 376.1150, 376.1153, 376.1155, 376.1160, 376.1165, 376.1170, 376.1175, 376.1180, and 376.1185, to read as follows:

376.1150. 1. Sections 376.1150 to 376.1185 shall be known and may be cited as the "Show-Me Health Insurance Exchange Act".

2. The purpose of sections 376.1150 to 376.1185 is to provide for the establishment of a health benefit exchange to facilitate the purchase and sale of qualified health plans and qualified dental plans in the individual market in this state and to provide for the establishment of a small business health options program (SHOP exchange) to assist qualified small employers in this state in facilitating the enrollment of their employees in qualified health plans and qualified dental plans offered in the small group market. The intent of the exchange is to reduce the number of uninsured, provide a transparent marketplace, increase competition in the health insurance market, increase portability of health insurance coverage, reduce health care costs, provide consumer education, and assist individuals with access to programs, premium assistance tax credits, and cost-

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

16 sharing reductions. The exchange shall conduct extensive consumer
17 outreach to increase the awareness and effectiveness of the exchange.

18 3. As used in sections 376.1150 to 376.1185, the following terms
19 shall mean:

20 (1) "Beneficiaries of an eligible entity", individuals who are
21 determined to be eligible for programs administered under Title XIX or
22 Title XXI of the Social Security Act.

23 (2) "Board of trustees" or "board", the Show-Me health insurance
24 exchange board of trustees;

25 (3) "Catastrophic plan", a health plan meeting the requirements
26 of Section 1302(e) of the federal act;

27 (4) "Department", the department of insurance, financial
28 institutions and professional registration;

29 (5) "Director", the director of the department of insurance,
30 financial institutions and professional registration;

31 (6) "Educated health care consumer", an individual who is
32 knowledgeable about the health care system, and has background or
33 experience in making informed decisions regarding health, medical,
34 and scientific matters;

35 (7) "Eligible entity", a person or agency meeting the requirements
36 of Section 1311(f)(3)(B) of the federal act;

37 (8) "Exchange", the Show-Me health insurance exchange
38 established under section 376.1153;

39 (9) "Federal act", the federal Patient Protection and Affordable
40 Care Act, Public Law 111-148, as amended by the federal Health Care
41 and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, Public Law 111-152, and any
42 amendments thereto, or regulations or guidance issued under such
43 federal acts;

44 (10) "Health insurance issuer" or "insurer" or "issuer", the same
45 meaning as such terms are defined in section 376.450;

46 (11) "Navigator", an entity chosen by the exchange that meets the
47 requirements of the federal act and the exchange. A navigator may
48 carry out activities authorized by the federal act and the exchange
49 except a navigator or any person acting on behalf of a navigator may
50 not perform any function or engage in any conduct requiring licensure
51 as an insurance producer without being properly licensed as an
52 insurance producer;

53 (12) "Qualified dental plan", a limited scope dental plan that has
54 been certified in accordance with subsection 4 of section 376.1165;

55 (13) "Qualified employer", a small employer that elects to make
56 its full-time employees eligible for one or more qualified health plans
57 and qualified dental plans offered through the SHOP exchange, and at
58 the option of the employer, some or all of its part-time employees,
59 provided that:

60 (a) The employer has its principal place of business in this state
61 and elects to provide coverage through the SHOP exchange to all of its
62 eligible employees, wherever employed; or

63 (b) The employer's full-time employees meet the requirements of
64 section 379.930;

65 (14) "Qualified health plan", a health plan that meets the criteria
66 for certification described in Sections 1301 and 1311 of the federal act
67 and section 376.1165;

68 (15) "Qualified individual", an individual, including a minor, who:

69 (a) Is seeking to enroll in a qualified health plan or a qualified
70 dental plan offered to individuals through the exchange;

71 (b) Resides in this state;

72 (c) At the time of enrollment is not incarcerated, other than
73 incarceration pending the disposition of charges; and

74 (d) Is and is reasonably expected to be for the entire period for
75 which enrollment is sought a citizen or national of the United States or
76 an alien lawfully present in the United States;

77 (16) "Secretary", the secretary of the federal Department of
78 Health and Human Services;

79 (17) "SHOP exchange", the small group market health options
80 program within the unified exchange established under section
81 376.1153;

82 (18) "Small employer", an employer that employed an average of
83 not more than fifty employees during the preceding calendar year. For
84 purposes of this subdivision:

85 (a) All persons treated as a single employer under Section 414(b),
86 (c), (m), or (o) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, shall
87 be treated as a single employer;

88 (b) An employer and any predecessor employer shall be treated
89 as a single employer;

90 (c) All employees shall be counted, including part-time employees
91 and employees who are not eligible for coverage through the employer;

92 (d) If an employer was not in existence throughout the preceding
93 calendar year, the determination of whether such employer is a small
94 employer shall be based on the average number of employees the
95 employer is reasonably expected to employ on business days in the
96 current calendar year;

97 (e) An employer that makes enrollment in qualified health plans
98 or qualified dental plans available to its employees through the SHOP
99 exchange and would cease to be a small employer by reason of an
100 increase in the number of its employees, shall continue to be treated as
101 a small employer for purposes of sections 376.1150 to 376.1185 as long
102 as it continuously makes enrollment through the SHOP exchange
103 available to its employees;

104 (19) "Unified exchange", for administrative purposes only, an
105 organized and transparent marketplace for individuals and small
106 employers to purchase health insurance coverage through qualified
107 health plans and qualified dental plans and obtain health insurance
108 information; except that, a unified exchange shall not combine
109 actuarial and underwriting functions for the individual and small
110 group market, and shall keep in tact a separate and distinct risk pool
111 for the individual market and the SHOP exchange market.

376.1153. 1. There is hereby created the "Show-Me Health
2 Insurance Exchange" as a quasi-public governmental agency under the
3 direction of a board of trustees. The purpose of the board of trustees
4 shall be to conduct the business necessary to implement the exchange
5 and to carry out the functions of the exchange in a fair and impartial
6 manner in order to execute a more competitive insurance
7 marketplace. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,
8 such exchange may transact business, contract, sue and be sued, invest
9 funds and hold cash, securities, and other property, and shall be vested
10 with such other powers as may be necessary or proper to enable it, its
11 officers, employees, and agents to carry out fully and effectively the
12 purposes of sections 376.1150 to 376.1185.

13 2. The board shall be comprised of the following seventeen
14 members:

15 (1) The directors of the following departments as ex officio

16 **members:**

17 **(a) Social services;**

18 **(b) Insurance, financial institutions and professional**
19 **registration, who shall serve as vice-chair;**

20 **(c) Mental health;**

21 **(d) Health and senior services;**

22 **(2) Two members of the house of representatives, one from the**
23 **majority party and one from the minority party, to be appointed by the**
24 **speaker of the house;**

25 **(3) Two members of the senate, one from the majority party and**
26 **one from the minority party, to be appointed by the president pro tem**
27 **of the senate;**

28 **(4) The following nine members to be appointed by the governor**
29 **with the advice and consent of the senate:**

30 **(a) A representative for licensed health insurance producers;**

31 **(b) A representative for licensed health insurance issuers that is**
32 **ranked as one of the top ten health insurance issuers by total market**
33 **share in the state in the department's annual market share ranking and**
34 **participates in the unified exchange;**

35 **(c) A representative of a licensed health insurance issuer that is**
36 **ranked between eleven and twenty health insurance issuers by total**
37 **market share in the state in the department's annual market share**
38 **ranking and participates in the unified exchange;**

39 **(d) A public health consumer advocate for individuals who**
40 **purchase coverage through the exchange;**

41 **(e) A large employer representative;**

42 **(f) A small employer representative;**

43 **(g) An individual with expertise in administering and**
44 **negotiating health plan contracts on behalf of employees; and**

45 **(h) Two at-large members.**

46 **3. One member of the board shall serve as chair, to be elected**
47 **annually by a majority of the members of the board.**

48 **4. The general assembly and department director members of the**
49 **board shall serve on the board so long as they hold their respective**
50 **title and position. With the exception of the initial terms, all members**
51 **of the board appointed by the governor shall serve a three-year term;**
52 **except that, the initial terms of the appointed board members shall be**

53 as follows:

54 (1) The at-large member shall serve a one-year term;

55 (2) The small employer and large employer representatives shall
56 serve two-year terms;

57 (3) The representatives for licensed health insurance producers,
58 licensed health insurance issuers, public health consumer advocate,
59 and the individual with expertise in administering and negotiating
60 health plan contracts on behalf of employees shall serve three-year
61 terms.

62 5. Vacancies for an unexpired term for a member of the general
63 assembly shall be filled by the speaker of the house of representatives
64 and president pro tem of the senate. Vacancies for an unexpired term
65 of members appointed by the governor shall be filled by the governor.

66 6. All members shall be eligible for reappointment.

67 7. A financial interest in the exchange shall not prohibit an
68 individual from being appointed by the governor or the general
69 assembly to serve on the board; except that, all appointed board
70 members shall annually disclose to the board any and all personal and
71 professional financial interests related to the operation of the
72 exchange, which shall be made available upon public request. The
73 annual disclosure shall be supplemented as necessary during the year
74 if any board member's personal or professional financial interest
75 related to the operation of the exchange changes in any way. A board
76 member shall recuse himself or herself from any deliberations or voting
77 actions of the board when a conflict of interest has been disclosed.

78 8. Any board member or employee of the exchange accepting any
79 gratuity or compensation for the purpose of influencing his or her
80 action with respect to the investment of the funds of the exchange or
81 who fails to disclose conflicts of interest and recuse himself or herself
82 from board deliberations and voting actions related to such conflict of
83 interest shall thereby forfeit his or her membership or employment and
84 shall be subject to the penalties prescribed by law.

85 9. (1) The board shall appoint an executive director for the
86 exchange, who shall have charge of the offices, records, and employees
87 of the exchange, subject to the board. The executive director and the
88 board shall employ additional essential officers of the quasi-public
89 governmental agency necessary to the operation of the exchange.

90 **(2) The executive director shall employ such other employees as**
91 **authorized by the board to conduct the business of the exchange.**

92 **(3) Employees and officers of the exchange shall receive salaries**
93 **and necessary expenses set by the board. The board shall take into**
94 **account salaries paid by health insurance issuers, health plans, and**
95 **health care providers in establishing appropriate pay schedules for its**
96 **employees.**

97 **10. The board shall arrange for annual audits of the records and**
98 **accounts of the plan by a certified public accountant or firm of**
99 **certified public accountants. The state auditor shall examine such**
100 **audits at least once every three years and report to the board and the**
101 **governor.**

102 **11. The state auditor shall have the authority to independently**
103 **audit the accounts and records of the "Show-Me Health Insurance**
104 **Exchange" and its board of trustees.**

105 **12. The board shall keep a record of its proceedings, which shall**
106 **be open to public inspection. The board shall prepare annually and**
107 **make available a report showing the financial condition of the**
108 **exchange which shall contain, but not be limited to, a financial balance**
109 **sheet, a statement of income and disbursements, a detailed statement**
110 **of investments acquired and disposed of during the year, together with**
111 **a detailed statement of the annual rates on investment return from all**
112 **assets and from each type of investment, a listing of all advisors and**
113 **consultants retained by the board, and such other data as the board**
114 **shall deem necessary or desirable for a proper understanding of the**
115 **condition of the plan. The board and exchange shall be subject to the**
116 **provisions of chapter 610.**

117 **13. Members of the board of trustees shall serve without**
118 **compensation for their services as members of the board, but shall be**
119 **paid for any necessary expenses incurred in attending meetings of the**
120 **board or committees thereof or in the performance of other duties**
121 **authorized by the board.**

122 **14. The board shall meet within the state of Missouri not less**
123 **than once per calendar quarter, at a time set at a previously scheduled**
124 **meeting or at the request of the chair or any four members of the board**
125 **acting jointly. Board members may use teleconferencing and other**
126 **electronic means to attend board meetings. Notice of the meeting shall**

127 **be made public on the exchange website or such other readily available**
128 **public access media. The board may meet at any time by unanimous**
129 **consent.**

130 **15. Subject to the limitations of law, the board shall formulate**
131 **and adopt rules for the governing of its own proceedings.**

376.1155. The exchange shall:

2 **(1) Facilitate the purchase and sale of qualified health plans and**
3 **qualified dental plans;**

4 **(2) Provide for the establishment of a unified exchange to assist**
5 **both individuals who purchase coverage in the individual market and**
6 **qualified small employers in this state in facilitating the enrollment of**
7 **their employees in qualified health plans and qualified dental plans in**
8 **the SHOP exchange;**

9 **(3) Meet the requirements of sections 376.1150 to 376.1185 and**
10 **any rules promulgated thereunder;**

11 **(4) Implement procedures for the certification, recertification,**
12 **and decertification of health plans as qualified health plans and**
13 **qualified dental plans, consistent with Sections 1301 and 1311 of the**
14 **federal act, guidelines developed by the Secretary;**

15 **(5) Provide for the operation of a toll-free telephone hotline to**
16 **respond to requests for assistance;**

17 **(6) Provide for enrollment periods under Section 1311(c)(6) of the**
18 **federal act;**

19 **(7) Maintain an internet website through which enrollees and**
20 **prospective enrollees of qualified health plans and qualified dental**
21 **plans may obtain standardized comparative information on such plans;**

22 **(8) Assign a rating to each qualified health plan and qualified**
23 **dental plan offered through the exchange in accordance with the**
24 **criteria developed by the Secretary under Section 1311(c)(3) of the**
25 **federal act, and determine each qualified health plan's or dental plan's**
26 **level of coverage in accordance with regulations issued by the**
27 **Secretary under Section 1302(d) of the federal act;**

28 **(9) Use a standardized format for presenting health benefit**
29 **options in the exchange, including the use of the uniform outline of**
30 **coverage established under Section 2715 of the federal Public Health**
31 **Services Act;**

32 **(10) In accordance with Section 1413 of the federal act, inform**

33 individuals of eligibility requirements for the Medicaid program under
34 Title XIX of the Social Security Act, the Children's Health Insurance
35 Program (CHIP) under Title XXI of the Social Security Act, or any
36 applicable state or local public program and if through screening of the
37 application by the exchanges, the exchange determines that any
38 individual is eligible for any such program, enroll the individual in
39 such program. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to
40 require an individual to participate in the exchange;

41 (11) Establish and make available by electronic means:

42 (a) A calculator to determine the actual cost of coverage after
43 application of any premium tax credit under Section 36B of the Internal
44 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any cost-sharing reduction
45 under Section 1402 of the federal act; and

46 (b) A consumer tool to calculate out-of-pocket costs for each
47 health plan offered through the exchange if the data required to
48 support the tool is provided by the health insurance issuer that offers
49 a health plan through the exchange;

50 (12) Develop a standardized application for qualified individuals
51 and small employers to use to apply for health benefits through the
52 exchange. Each health insurance issuer that offers a qualified health
53 plan through the exchange shall use the standard application and shall
54 not use any other application for health benefits;

55 (13) Subject to Section 1411 of the federal act, grant a
56 certification attesting that, for purposes of the individual responsibility
57 penalty under Section 5000A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
58 amended, an individual is exempt from the individual responsibility
59 requirement or from the penalty imposed by Section 5000A of the
60 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, because:

61 (a) There is no affordable qualified health plan available through
62 the exchange or the individual's employer covering the individual; or

63 (b) The individual meets the requirements for any other such
64 exemption from the individual responsibility requirement or penalty;

65 (14) Transfer information under Section 1311(d)(4)(I) to the
66 federal Secretary of the Treasury regarding:

67 (a) Individuals exempted from the individual responsibility
68 requirement;

69 (b) Employed individuals eligible for the premium tax credit

70 under Section 36B of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
71 and

72 (c) Individuals with changes to their employer-sponsored
73 coverage;

74 (15) Provide to each employer the name of each employee of the
75 employer described in paragraph (b) of subdivision (14) of this section
76 who ceases coverage under a qualified health plan during a plan year
77 and the effective date of the cessation;

78 (16) Perform duties required of the exchange by the Secretary or
79 the Secretary of the Treasury related to determining eligibility for
80 premium tax credits, reduced cost-sharing, or individual responsibility
81 requirement exemptions;

82 (17) Establish a navigator program as a function of the exchange
83 operations for the purpose of awarding grants to selected entities to
84 perform and carry out functions of a navigator, as described in Section
85 1311(i) of the federal act. Grants awarded by the exchange shall be
86 made from the operational funds of the exchange. Federal funds
87 received by the state to establish the exchange shall not be used for
88 grants;

89 (18) Establish a fair and impartial health insurance producer
90 referral network for the purpose of assisting individual and qualified
91 small employers in obtaining health insurance coverage through the
92 unified exchange. The producers in the producer referral network
93 shall be compensated in a manner appropriate to the health insurance
94 producer industry;

95 (19) Credit the amount of any free choice voucher to the monthly
96 premium of the plan in which a qualified employee is enrolled in
97 accordance with Section 10108 of the federal act and collect the amount
98 credited from the offering employer and remit the voucher to the
99 appropriate health insurance issuer;

100 (20) Stakeholder groups may be formed to provide consultation
101 or guidance to the exchange, or its board, with regard to the duties and
102 activities required under sections 376.1150 to 376.1185. Members of the
103 stakeholder group may include but not be limited to:

104 (a) Educated health care consumers who are enrollees in
105 qualified health plans and qualified dental plans;

106 (b) Individuals and entities with experience in facilitating

107 enrollment in qualified health plans and qualified dental plans;
108 (c) Representatives of small employers and self-employed
109 individuals;
110 (d) Advocates for enrolling hard-to-reach populations;
111 (e) Appropriate eligible entities as identified in section 376.1160;
112 (f) Health insurance issuers;
113 (g) Health care providers, including but not limited to
114 physicians, hospitals, pharmacists, and pharmaceutical manufacturers;
115 and
116 (h) Others interested in access to affordable quality health care
117 services;
118 (21) Meet the following financial integrity requirements:
119 (a) Keep an accurate accounting of all activities, receipts, and
120 expenditures, and annually submit to the Secretary, the governor, and
121 the general assembly a report concerning such accountings;
122 (b) Fully cooperate with any investigation conducted by the
123 Secretary in accordance with the Secretary's authority under the
124 federal act, and allow the Secretary, in coordination with the Inspector
125 General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, to:
126 a. Investigate the affairs of the exchange;
127 b. Examine the properties and records of the exchange; and
128 c. Require periodic reports in relation to the activities
129 undertaken by the exchange; and
130 (c) In carrying out its activities under sections 376.1150 to
131 376.1185, not use any funds intended for the administrative and
132 operational expenses of the exchange for staff retreats, promotional
133 giveaways, excessive executive compensation, or promotion of federal
134 or state legislative and regulatory modifications;
135 (22) Develop guidelines for qualified health plans and qualified
136 dental plans to mitigate the occurrence of adverse selection within the
137 exchange as allowable under the federal act; and
138 (23) Review the rate of premium growth within the exchange and
139 outside the exchange, and consider the information in developing
140 recommendations on whether to continue limiting qualified employer
141 status to small employers.

376.1160. 1. The exchange may enter contract or enter into a
2 memorandum of understanding with an eligible entity or health plan

3 for state employees as defined in chapter 103 for any or all of its
4 administrative functions described in sections 376.1150 to 376.1185.

5 2. Beneficiaries of an eligible entity may select any health plan
6 offered by a health insurance issuer contracted with MO
7 HealthNet. The director of the MO HealthNet division shall provide to
8 the exchange no less than annually a list of contracted health insurance
9 issuers. Health plans offered through the exchange to beneficiaries of
10 an eligible entity shall be maintained in a risk pool that is separate and
11 distinct from qualified health plans and qualified dental plans offered
12 within the exchange to individuals who are not beneficiaries of an
13 eligible entity. Nothing in this section shall require a health insurance
14 issuer to offer a health plan to beneficiaries of an eligible entity.

15 3. A state employee as defined in section 103.003 may select any
16 qualified health plan or qualified dental plan through the exchange.

17 4. The exchange may contract with the department for the
18 certification, recertification, and decertification of health plans and
19 dental plans as qualified health plans and qualified dental plans.

20 5. An eligible entity that contracts with the exchange for
21 purposes of this section shall not be eligible to offer a qualified health
22 plan or qualified dental plan through the exchange.

23 6. The exchange may enter into information-sharing agreements
24 with federal and state agencies and other state exchanges to carry out
25 its responsibilities under sections 376.1150 to 376.1185, provided such
26 agreements include adequate protections with respect to the
27 confidentiality of the information to be shared and comply with all
28 state and federal laws and regulations.

 376.1165. 1. The exchange shall certify a health plan as a
2 qualified health plan or qualified dental plan if that plan has met the
3 requirements in subdivision (4) of section 376.1155.

4 2. The exchange shall not exclude a health plan:

5 (1) On the basis that the plan is a fee-for-service plan;

6 (2) Through the imposition of premium price controls by the
7 exchange;

8 (3) On the basis that the health plan provides treatments
9 necessary to prevent patients' deaths in circumstances the exchange
10 determines are inappropriate or too costly; or

11 (4) On the basis that the health plan is offered by a health

12 insurance issuer not contracted with the MO HealthNet program.

13 3. The exchange shall require each health insurance issuer
14 seeking certification of a plan as a qualified health plan or qualified
15 dental plan to meet the following requirements:

16 (1) Submitting justification for premium increases under Section
17 1311(e)(2) of the federal act;

18 (2) Providing public disclosure of information under Section
19 1311(e)(3)(A) of the federal act;

20 (3) Providing consumer education about the exchange under
21 Section 1311(e)(3)(C) of the federal act;

22 (4) Providing notification of health plan changes;

23 (5) Promptly notifying affected individuals of price and benefit
24 changes, or other changes in circumstance that could materially impact
25 enrollment or coverage; and

26 (6) Providing timely updates regarding the plan's provider
27 network, including the addition of new providers or the withdrawal of
28 an existing provider through the publicly accessible internet website
29 selected by the exchange as the most appropriate way to disseminate
30 the information.

31 4. (1) The provisions of sections 376.1150 to 376.1185 that are
32 applicable to qualified health plans shall also apply to the extent
33 relevant to qualified dental plans, except as modified in accordance
34 with the provisions of subdivisions (2) to (4) of this subsection or by
35 regulations adopted by the exchange.

36 (2) The issuer shall be licensed to offer dental coverage, but need
37 not be licensed to offer other health benefits.

38 (3) The exchange shall allow a health insurance issuer to offer
39 a plan that provides limited scope dental benefits meeting the
40 requirements of Section 9832(c)(2)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code of
41 1986, as amended, through the exchange, either separately or in
42 conjunction with a qualified health plan, if the plan provides pediatric
43 dental benefits meeting the requirements of Section 1302(b)(1)(J) of the
44 federal act. The plan shall be limited to dental and oral health benefits,
45 without substantially duplicating the benefits typically offered by
46 health plans without dental coverage and shall include, at a minimum,
47 the essential pediatric dental benefits prescribed by the Secretary
48 under Section 1302(b)(1)(J) of the federal act, and such other dental

49 **benefits as the exchange or the Secretary may specify by regulation.**

50 **(4) Health insurance issuers may jointly offer a comprehensive**
51 **plan through the exchange in which the dental benefits are provided**
52 **by a health insurance issuer through a qualified dental plan and the**
53 **other benefits are provided by a health insurance issuer through a**
54 **qualified health plan, provided the plans are priced separately and are**
55 **also made available for purchase separately at the same price. Nothing**
56 **in this section shall be construed as prohibiting a health insurance**
57 **issuer from offering a discounted rate on a qualified dental plan when**
58 **purchased jointly with a qualified health plan.**

59 **5. (1) The exchange shall not exempt any health insurance issuer**
60 **seeking certification of a qualified health plan or qualified dental plan,**
61 **regardless of the type or size of the health insurance issuer, from state**
62 **licensure or solvency requirements and shall apply the criteria of this**
63 **section in a manner that assures competition between or among health**
64 **insurance issuers participating in the exchange.**

65 **(2) The director shall determine whether a health plan seeking**
66 **certification or recertification as a qualified health plan or qualified**
67 **dental plan meets all the requirements related to licensure and**
68 **solvency.**

69 **6. The exchange shall establish an appeals process for health**
70 **insurance issuers to appeal a decertification decision or the denial of**
71 **certification as a qualified health plan or qualified dental plan.**

376.1170. 1. Beginning January 1, 2014, the exchange shall be
2 **operational to make available for purchase qualified health plans and**
3 **qualified dental plans to qualified individuals and qualified**
4 **employers. The exchange shall not make available any benefit plan**
5 **that is not a qualified health plan or qualified dental plan; except for**
6 **any health plan described in subsection 2 of section 376.1160. Prior to**
7 **January 1, 2014, the exchange may disclose qualified health plan and**
8 **qualified dental plan coverage and price information available for**
9 **consumers.**

10 **2. Neither the exchange nor a health insurance issuer offering**
11 **health plans through the exchange may charge an individual a fee or**
12 **penalty for termination of coverage if the individual enrolls in another**
13 **type of minimum essential coverage because the individual has become**
14 **newly eligible for that coverage or because the individual's employer-**

15 sponsored coverage has become affordable under the standards of
16 Section 36B(c)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

17 3. Qualified employers in the small group market may make their
18 employees eligible for one or more qualified health plans offered
19 through the exchange and specify a level of coverage so that any of its
20 employees may enroll in any qualified health plan or qualified dental
21 plan offered through the SHOP exchange at the specified level of
22 coverage.

23 4. The exchange shall permit a consumer to establish a personal
24 health record.

376.1175. 1. Federal funding for direct costs related to the
2 development and operation of the exchange through 2014, the first year
3 of operation, shall be provided under federal law. By January 1, 2015,
4 the exchange shall be financially self-sustained through fees and
5 assessments under subsection 3 of this section and under Section
6 1311(d)(5)(A) of the federal act.

7 2. The board shall annually submit a copy of the operating
8 budget for the exchange to the speaker of the house of representatives
9 and president pro tem of the senate for any year in which the exchange
10 is allocated federal funds.

11 3. The exchange shall charge assessments or user fees to health
12 insurance issuers, whether or not they are participating in the
13 exchange, for each policyholder of an individual health insurance
14 policy issued in this state, for each employee covered under a small
15 group policy issued in this state, and may otherwise generate funding
16 necessary to support its operations provided under sections 376.1150
17 to 376.1185. Any assessments or fees charged to health insurance
18 issuers shall be limited to the minimum amount necessary to pay for
19 the administrative and capital costs and expenses that have been
20 approved in the annual budget process, with consideration of other
21 available funding sources. Services performed by the exchange on
22 behalf of other state programs or federal programs shall not be funded
23 with assessments or user fees collected from health insurance issuers.

24 4. Any unexpended funding by the exchange shall be used for
25 further exchange operations or returned to health insurance issuers
26 and health plans as a credit for future imposed assessments or
27 fees. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, such

28 unexpended moneys at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the
29 credit of the general revenue fund.

30 5. The exchange shall publish the average costs of licensing,
31 regulatory fees, taxes, issuer assessments, and any other payments
32 required by the exchange, and the administrative costs of the exchange,
33 on an internet website to educate consumers on such costs as
34 authorized under Section 1311(d)(7) of the federal act.

35 6. Taxes, fees, or assessments used to finance the exchange shall
36 be considered a state tax or assessment as outlined in Section 2718 of
37 the Public Health Services Act and its implementing regulations, and
38 shall be excluded from health plan administrative costs for the purpose
39 of calculating medical loss ratios or rebates, to the full extent allowed
40 by federal regulation.

41 7. The board shall have exclusive jurisdiction and control over
42 the funds and property of the exchange. Income of the exchange shall
43 not be considered revenue of the state of Missouri. The assets of the
44 exchange shall be exempt from state and all political subdivision taxes.

45 8. All moneys received by or belonging to the exchange shall be
46 paid to the executive director and promptly deposited by the executive
47 director to the credit of the exchange in one or more banks, trust
48 companies, or other financial institutions as selected by the board. No
49 such moneys shall be deposited or be retained by any bank, trust
50 company, or other financial institution which does not have on deposit
51 with and for the board at the time the kind and value of collateral
52 required by sections 30.240 and 30.270 for depositories of the state
53 treasurer. Such moneys shall be funds of the exchange and shall not be
54 commingled with any funds in the state treasury. The executive
55 director shall be responsible for all funds, securities, and property
56 belonging to the exchange and shall be provided with such corporate
57 surety bond for the faithful handling of such funds, securities, and
58 property as the board shall require.

376.1180. 1. Nothing in sections 376.1150 to 376.1185 shall
2 prohibit qualified individuals or qualified employers from purchasing
3 any health plans and dental plans outside the exchange.

4 2. The provisions of sections 376.1150 to 376.1185 shall not apply
5 to a supplemental insurance policy, including a life care contract,
6 accident-only policy, specified disease policy, hospital policy providing

7 a fixed daily benefit only, Medicare supplement policy, long-term care
8 policy, short-term major medical policy of six months' or less duration,
9 or any other supplemental policy.

376.1185. 1. (1) The board may promulgate rules for the
2 proceedings, implementation, and operations of sections 376.1150 to
3 376.1185.

4 (2) Rules promulgated under this subdivision shall not conflict
5 with or prevent the application of rules promulgated by the Secretary
6 under the federal act.

7 (3) Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in
8 section 536.010, that is created under the authority delegated in
9 sections 376.1150 to 376.1185 shall become effective only if it complies
10 with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if
11 applicable, section 536.028. Sections 376.1150 to 376.1185 and chapter
12 536 are nonseverable and if any of the powers vested with the general
13 assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date,
14 or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held
15 unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule
16 proposed or adopted after August 28, 2011, shall be invalid and void.

17 2. Nothing in sections 376.1150 to 376.1185 and no action taken
18 by the exchange under sections 376.1150 to 376.1185 shall be construed
19 to preempt or supersede the authority of the director to regulate the
20 business of insurance within this state. Except as expressly provided
21 to the contrary in sections 376.1150 to 376.1185, all health insurance
22 issuers offering qualified health plans in this state shall comply fully
23 with all applicable health insurance laws of this state and regulations
24 adopted and orders issued by the director.

25 3. Sections 376.1150 to 376.1185 shall become null and void and
26 be unenforceable in this state as of the date the federal act in its
27 entirety or Section 1311 of the federal act is declared to be
28 unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by the United States Supreme
29 Court or is repealed by the United States Congress.

[374.284. The department of insurance, financial
2 institutions and professional registration shall create an advisory
3 committee to be known as the "Health Insurance Advisory
4 Committee". This committee shall be a voluntary committee
5 comprised of representatives of the insurance industry, provider

6 groups and the public. The committee shall consist of at least, but
7 not limited to, one member representing each of the following
8 areas: small group insurance, managed care, doctors of medicine,
9 doctors of osteopathy, pharmacists, dentists and public members
10 representing self-employed workers and the elderly. This
11 committee shall meet to discuss and advise the department on
12 issues relating to health care insurance.]

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