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96TH 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.

*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 376.393, to read as follows:

**376.393. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall  
2 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 in addition, licensed pharmacies and home health  
7 agencies.**

8 **2. Each health carrier shall provide each contracted provider  
9 with access to the health carrier's standard fee schedule, specific to the  
10 provider's geographic area, through a secure website. Such fee  
11 schedule shall reflect the current payment rates for all goods and  
12 services pertinent to the provider's practice or business, defined by  
13 procedure codes, diagnosis related groups, or defined by another  
14 payment mechanism, and all contracted providers in such geographic  
15 area shall be paid for the goods and services provided at such rates,  
16 unless different rates have been specifically agreed upon contractually  
17 with an individual provider, or at rates pursuant to subsection 3 of this  
18 section for providers contracted pursuant to such subsection. In no  
19 case shall the standard fee schedule include a rate for a specific good  
20 or service that is less than the lowest rate individually contracted for  
21 by the providers of such good or service in the applicable geographic**

22 area if all the providers in such area, excluding those contracted  
23 pursuant to subsection 3 of this section, have individually contracted  
24 to be paid at different rates for such good or service.

25 3. No health carrier, or any of its subsidiaries, networks,  
26 contractors, or subcontractors, shall refuse to contract with any  
27 Missouri provider who is located within the geographic coverage area  
28 of a health benefit plan and who is willing to meet the terms and  
29 conditions for provider participation established for such health  
30 benefit plan, including the MO HealthNet and Medicare programs, if  
31 such provider is willing, as a term of such contract, to be paid at rates  
32 equal to ninety-nine percent of the standard rates provided pursuant  
33 to subsection 2 of this section.

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