

SENATE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 159  
AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to insurance coverage for physical therapy services.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI,  
AS FOLLOWS:

1           Section A. Chapter 376, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto  
2 one new section, to be known as section 376.1235, to read as  
3 follows:

4           376.1235. 1. No health carrier or health benefit plan, as  
5 defined in section 376.1350, shall impose a co-payment or co-  
6 insurance percentage charged to the insured for services rendered  
7 for each date of service by a physical therapist licensed under  
8 chapter 334, for services that require a prescription, that is  
9 greater than the co-payment or co-insurance percentage charged to  
10 the insured for the services of a primary care physician licensed  
11 under chapter 334 for an office visit.

12           2. A health carrier or health benefit plan shall clearly  
13 state the availability of physical therapy coverage under its  
14 plan and all related limitations, conditions, and exclusions.

15           3. Beginning September 1, 2013, the oversight division of  
16 the joint committee on legislative research shall perform an  
17 actuarial analysis of the cost impact to health carriers,

1 insureds with a health benefit plan, and other private and public  
2 payers if the provisions of this section were enacted. By  
3 December 31, 2013, the director of the oversight division of the  
4 joint committee on legislative research shall submit a report of  
5 the actuarial findings prescribed by this section to the speaker,  
6 the president pro tem, and the chairpersons of both the house of  
7 representatives and senate standing committees having  
8 jurisdiction over health insurance matters. If the fiscal note  
9 cost estimation is less than the cost of an actuarial analysis,  
10 the actuarial analysis requirement shall be waived.