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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 insurance coverage for dental services.

*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 376.1226, to read as follows:

**376.1226. 1. No contract between a health carrier or health  
2 benefit plan and a dentist for the provision of dental services under a  
3 dental plan shall require that the dentist provide dental services to  
4 insureds in the dental plan at a fee established by the health carrier or  
5 health benefit plan if such dental services are not covered services  
6 under the dental plan.**

7 **2. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:**

8 **(1) "Covered services", services reimbursable by a health carrier  
9 or health benefit plan under an applicable dental plan, subject to such  
10 contractual limitations on benefits as may apply, including but not  
11 limited to deductibles, waiting periods, or frequency limitations;**

12 **(2) "Dental plan", any policy or contract of insurance which  
13 provides for coverage of dental services;**

14 **(3) "Health benefit plan", the same meaning as such term is  
15 defined in section 376.1350;**

16 **(4) "Health carrier", the same meaning as such term is defined in  
17 section 376.1350.**

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