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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to dental 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 section, to be known as section 376.1065, to read as follows:

376.1065. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Contracting entity", any health insurer subject to the jurisdiction of the department engaged in the act of contracting with providers for the delivery of dental services, or the selling or assigning of dental network plans to other entities under the jurisdiction of the department;

(2) "Department", department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration;

(3) "Official notification", contact by the participating provider with the contracting entity describing such participating provider's change in participation status with the contracting entity or contact information;

(4) "Participating provider", a provider who has an agreement with a contracting entity to provide dental services with an expectation of receiving payment, other than coinsurance, co-payments or deductibles, directly or indirectly from such contracting entity;

(5) "Provider", any person licensed under chapter 332.

2. A contracting entity shall within sixty days of receipt of an official notification make changes contained in the official notification to their electronic provider material and their next edition of paper

22 material made available to plan members or other potential plan
23 members.

24 3. A contracting entity that fails to comply with this section may,
25 as determined by the director, be subject to penalties allowed under
26 section 374.049 as a level one violation, however, an aggregate civil
27 penalty or forfeiture shall not exceed ten thousand dollars per annum
28 for multiple violations of this section.

29 4. After one year of billing inactivity on behalf of a participating
30 provider, a contracting entity shall update their listings of
31 participating providers made available to the public, to ensure
32 information regarding the physical location at which said participating
33 provider is practicing and the participation status of said participating
34 provider is accurate.

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