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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 health insurance reimbursement for athletic trainers.

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 376.408, to read as follows:

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

(1) "Athletic trainer", the same meaning as is ascribed to such term in section 334.702;

(2) "Health care provider", the same meaning as is ascribed to such term in section 376.1350;

(3) "Health care service", the same meaning as is ascribed to such term in section 376.1350; and

(4) "Health carrier", the same meaning as is ascribed to such term in section 376.1350.

2. No health carrier shall deny reimbursement of a claim for a health care service on the basis that the service was provided by an athletic trainer if the service was provided within the scope of the athletic trainer's licensed practice. Reimbursement of the claim may be subject to reasonable deductible, co-payment, and co-insurance amounts, reasonable fee or benefit limits, or utilization reviews consistent with applicable rules adopted by the department; provided that the amounts, limits, and reviews shall not function to direct treatment in a manner that arbitrarily discriminates against athletic trainer care, including with regard to practice patterns, and collectively shall be no more restrictive than those applicable to other

22 **health care providers under the same policy for comparable health care**
23 **services.**

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