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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 carrier reimbursements.

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 376.1345, to read as follows:

376.1345. 1. As used in this section, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, terms shall have the same meaning as ascribed to them in section 376.1350.

2. No health carrier, nor any entity acting on behalf of a health carrier, shall restrict methods of reimbursement to health care providers for health care services to a reimbursement method requiring the provider to pay a fee, discount the amount of their claim for reimbursement, or remit any other form of remuneration in order to redeem the amount of their claim for reimbursement.

3. If a health carrier initiates a new method of reimbursement or changes the reimbursement method used, the health carrier or an entity acting on its behalf shall:

(1) Notify participating providers, and any other health care provider to whom the carrier has issued a prior authorization within the past year, whether any fee, discount, or other remuneration is required to receive reimbursement through the new or different method; and

(2) For health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed on or after August 28, 2019, allow the provider to select an alternative reimbursement method which requires no fee, discount, or other form of remuneration in order to receive reimbursement, and such

22 alternative reimbursement method shall be used to reimburse that
23 provider until the provider requests otherwise.

24 4. Violation of this section shall be deemed an unfair trade
25 practice under sections 375.930 to 375.948.

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