

SENATE BILL NO. 1606

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR LEWIS.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to insurance coverage for treatment of obesity of certain persons.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 376, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 376.1295, to read as
3 follows:

376.1295. 1. For purposes of this section, the terms
2 "health carrier" and "health benefit plan" shall have the
3 same meanings given to the terms in section 376.1350.

4 2. Each health carrier or health benefit plan that
5 offers or issues health benefit plans that are delivered,
6 issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this state on
7 or after January 1, 2027, shall provide coverage for the
8 treatment of obesity and severe obesity and the diseases and
9 ailments caused by obesity in persons between the ages of
10 two years old and twenty years old, including, but not
11 limited to, intensive health behavior and lifestyle
12 treatment, pharmacotherapy, and metabolic and bariatric
13 surgery. Any treatment required to be covered under this
14 section shall be in accordance with the standards set forth
15 by the Clinical Practice Guidelines on Obesity by the
16 American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Society for
17 Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Pediatric Committee.

18 3. Health care services required by this section shall
19 not be subject to any greater deductible or co-payment than
20 any other health care service provided by the health benefit
21 plan.

22 4. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a
23 supplemental insurance policy, including a life care
24 contract, accident-only policy, specified disease policy,
25 hospital policy providing a fixed daily benefit only,
26 Medicare supplement policy, long-term care policy, short-
27 term major medical policy of six months' or less duration,
28 or any other supplemental policy as determined by the
29 director of the department of commerce and insurance.

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