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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 354, RSMo, by adding thereto three new sections relating to the provision of certain medical services.

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

Section A. Chapter 354, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto three new sections, to be known as sections 354.207, 354.546 and 1, to read as follows:

354.207. 1. A health services corporation shall allow enrollees to seek a second medical opinion or consultation from a willing second physician at no additional cost to the enrollee beyond what the enrollee would otherwise pay for an initial medical opinion or consultation from that second physician.

2. If an enrollee chooses to seek a second medical opinion, and if the health services corporation does not employ or contract with another physician with the expertise necessary to provide a second medical opinion, then the health services corporation shall arrange for a referral to another physician with the necessary expertise to provide a second opinion or consultation and ensure that the enrollee obtains the covered benefit at no greater cost to the enrollee than if the benefit were obtained from participating physicians.

354.546. 1. A health maintenance organization shall allow enrollees to seek a second medical opinion or consultation from the health maintenance organization's choice of other primary care physicians and specialty physicians at no additional cost

to the enrollee beyond what the enrollee would otherwise pay for an initial medical opinion or consultation.

2. If an enrollee chooses to seek a second medical opinion, and if the health maintenance organization does not employ or contract with another physician with the expertise necessary to provide a second medical opinion, then the health maintenance organization shall arrange for a referral to a physician with the necessary expertise to provide a second opinion or consultation and ensure that the enrollee obtains the covered benefit at no greater cost to the enrollee than if the benefit were obtained from participating physicians.

Section 1. The second opinions required in sections 354.207 and 354.546 shall be covered only in the event that the original diagnosis requires major surgery or other treatment necessitating general anesthesia or other serious illness involving loss of bodily part or function or other debilitating disease.

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