

SENATE AMENDMENT NO. _____

Offered by _____ Of _____

Amend Senate Bill No. 1019, Page 6, Section 208.158, Line 22,

2 by inserting after all of said line the following:

3 "376.1245. 1. As used in this section, the following
4 terms mean:

5 (1) "Anesthesia time", the period during which an
6 anesthesia practitioner is present with the patient,
7 starting when the anesthesia practitioner begins to prepare
8 the patient for anesthesia services in the operating room or
9 an equivalent area and ending when the anesthesia
10 practitioner is no longer furnishing anesthesia services to
11 the patient because the patient may be placed safely under
12 postoperative or postanesthesia care. The term "anesthesia
13 time" includes, if counted by the anesthesia practitioner,
14 blocks of time around an interruption in anesthesia time
15 provided the anesthesia practitioner is furnishing
16 continuous anesthesia care within the time periods around
17 the interruption;

18 (2) "Anesthesia time units", time units recognized
19 with appropriate time intervals that do not exceed fifteen
20 minutes in length for each interval and that, taken
21 together, represent the total anesthesia time for a
22 particular anesthesia service;

23 (3) "Excepted benefit plan", the same meaning given to
24 the term in section 376.998;

25 (4) "Health benefit plan", the same meaning given to
26 the term in section 376.1350. The term "health benefit
27 plan" shall also include the Missouri consolidated health
28 care plan established under chapter 103;

29 (5) "Health carrier", the same meaning given to the
30 term in section 376.1350;

31 (6) "Payment of anesthesia services", an amount paid
32 for anesthesia services:

33 (a) Determined by using prevailing medical coding and
34 billing standards in the professional medical billing
35 community, such as the Current Procedural Terminology code
36 book published by the American Medical Association, the
37 Medicare Claims Processing Manual, or guidance from
38 nationally recognized anesthesia organizations; and

39 (b) Calculated as the product obtained by multiplying
40 the following together:

41 a. The sum of the base units for the appropriate
42 medical code plus anesthesia time units and modifying units;
43 and

44 b. An anesthesia conversion factor that is defined in
45 the individual contract between the health carrier or health
46 benefit plan and the anesthesia practitioner or group.

47 2. No health carrier or health benefit plan shall
48 establish, implement, or enforce any policy, practice, or
49 procedure that imposes a time limit for the payment of
50 anesthesia services provided during a medical or surgical
51 procedure.

52 3. No health carrier or health benefit plan shall
53 establish, implement, or enforce any policy, practice, or
54 procedure that restricts or excludes all anesthesia time in
55 calculating the payment of anesthesia services.

56 4. Excepted benefit plans shall be subject to the
57 requirements of this section.

58 5. The provisions of this section shall apply to
59 health carriers that offer or issue health benefit plans
60 that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or
61 renewed in this state on or after August 28, 2026."; and
62 Further amend the title and enacting clause accordingly.