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AN ACT

To amend chapter 354, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to physician contractual relationships.

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

Section A. Chapter 354, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 354.748, to read as follows:

354.748. 1. **No health carrier as defined in section 376.1350, RSMo, including
2 preferred provider organizations, health maintenance organizations, independent
3 physician associations, or any other entity that contracts with physicians for health care,
4 shall change or attempt to change any code submitted by the physician for health services
5 without the express written permission of the physician involved and without the
6 examination of the patient record to determine the services provided by the physician. In
7 the event of a dispute, the health carrier shall provide and establish procedures for
8 resolution of the dispute between the physician and health carrier.**

9 **2. Every contract between a health carrier or other organization and a physician
10 shall specifically set forth the codes that represent the specific covered health services for
11 which the physician shall be responsible and for which the health carrier or other
12 organization shall provide compensation, remuneration, or reimbursement from and the
13 fee, compensation, remuneration, or reimbursement for each such code. The code shall
14 refer to the most recent American Medical Association code book and other recognized
15 codes as adopted and used in the Medicare and Medicaid programs of the state and federal
16 government.**