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AN ACT

To repeal section 376.1219, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to health insurance coverage for treatment of inherited diseases of amino and organic acids.

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

Section A. Section 376.1219, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 376.1219, to read as follows:

376.1219. 1. Each policy issued by an entity offering individual and group health insurance which provides coverage on an expense-incurred basis, individual and group health service or indemnity type contracts issued by a nonprofit corporation, individual and group service contracts issued by a health maintenance organization, all self-insured group health arrangements to the extent not preempted by federal law, and all health care plans provided by managed health care delivery entities of any type or description, that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this state on or after September 1, 1997, shall provide coverage for formula and low protein modified food products recommended by a physician for the treatment of a patient with phenylketonuria or any inherited disease of amino and organic acids who is covered under the policy, contract, or plan [and who is less than six years of age].

2. For purposes of this section, "low protein modified food products" means foods that are specifically formulated to have less than one gram of protein per serving and are intended to be used under the direction of a physician for the dietary treatment of any inherited metabolic disease. Low protein modified food products do not include foods that are naturally low in protein.

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law. Matter in boldface type in the above law is new proposed language.

16 3. The coverage required by this section **shall not be subject to any greater deductible**
17 **or copayment than other similar health care services provided by the policy, contract, or**
18 **plan, but** may be subject to [the same deductible for similar health care services provided by the
19 policy, contract, or plan as well as a reasonable coinsurance or co-payment on the part of the
20 insured, which shall not be greater than fifty percent of the cost of the formula and food products,
21 and may be subject to] an annual benefit maximum of not less than five thousand dollars per
22 covered child. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a carrier from using individual case
23 management or from contracting with vendors of the formula and food products.

24 4. This section shall not apply to a supplemental insurance policy, including a life care
25 contract, accident-only policy, specified disease policy, hospital policy providing a fixed daily
26 benefit only, Medicare supplement policy, long-term care policy, or any other supplemental
27 policy [as determined by the director of the department of insurance].