

AN ACT

To amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to immunizations and dental fillings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section A. Chapter 191, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 191.235, to read as follows:

191.235. 1. Beginning January 1, 2005:

(1) All or any immunizations administered in the state of Missouri shall not contain any mercury or other preservatives containing heavy metals, including but not limited to thimerosal; and

(2) All or any new or replacement dental restorations performed in the state of Missouri shall not contain any mercury. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to any existing dental restorations unless replacement of such existing restorations is necessitated based on accepted dental practices or the patient requests replacement of such restorations.

2. Beginning January 1, 2005, any insurer doing business in the state of Missouri that provides insurance coverage for:

(1) Immunizations on a fee schedule or on a percentage reimbursement basis shall reimburse for immunizations not containing mercury or other preservatives containing heavy metals

at the same percentage rate of the usual and customary charges which were provided for immunizations containing mercury or other preservatives containing heavy metals immediately prior to January 1, 2005;

(2) Dental services on a fee schedule or on a percentage reimbursement basis shall reimburse for dental restorations not containing mercury at the same percentage rate of the usual and customary charges which were provided for dental restorations containing mercury immediately prior to January 1, 2005.