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AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to insurance coverage for certain public assistance recipients.

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

Section A. Chapter 376, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 376.1150, to read as follows:

3 **376.1150. 1. Each health carrier or health benefit plan that offers or issues health**
4 **benefit plans which are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state**
5 **on or after July 1, 2005, shall offer coverage for persons who are no longer eligible for state**
6 **medical assistance due to income or asset levels in excess of eligibility levels for such state**
7 **medical assistance under chapter 208, RSMo.**

8 **2. For the purposes of this section, "health carrier" and "health benefit plan" shall**
9 **have the same meaning as defined in section 376.1350.**

10 **3. A person who is notified by the department of social services that he or she is no**
11 **longer eligible for state medical assistance may, within a period of not less than thirty-one**
12 **days of receipt of such notification, be eligible to enroll in any health insurance policy.**
13 **Such policy shall not exclude as a preexisting condition any condition for which the state**
14 **of Missouri is required to make medical assistance payments under chapter 208, RSMo.**
15 **The department of social services, in consultation with the department of insurance, shall**
16 **make available to health carriers and health benefit plans subject to the provisions of this**
17 **section a complete list of conditions for which the state is required to make medical**
18 **assistance payments under chapter 208, RSMo.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

17 **4. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a supplemental insurance policy,**
18 **including a life care contract, accident-only policy, specified disease policy, hospital policy**
19 **providing a fixed daily benefit only, long-term care policy, short-term major medical**
20 **policies of six months' or less duration, or any other supplemental policy.**