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AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to health insurance coverage for cervical cancer testing.

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 known as section 376.1256, to read as follows:

- 376.1256. 1. Each health carrier or health benefit plan that offers or issues health benefit plans which are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2008, shall provide coverage for a human papillomavirus (HPV) screening at testing intervals outlined in certain recommendations developed by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.**
- 2. For the purposes of this section, "health carrier" and "health benefit plan" shall have the same meaning as defined in section 376.1350, and "human papillomavirus screening" means any laboratory test that specifically detects for infection by one or more agents of the human papillomavirus and is approved for such purpose by the federal Food and Drug Administration.**
- 3. The health care service required by this section shall not be subject to any greater deductible or co-payment than other similar health care services provided by the health benefit plan.**

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.

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

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