

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 1857

## 94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHAAF (Sponsor) AND HUNTER (Co-sponsor).

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### AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to health insurance plans.

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*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 376.393, to read as follows:

**376.393. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:**

2 **(1) "Health carrier", the same meaning as such term is defined in section 376.1350;**

3 **(2) "Provider", a physician or other health care practitioner licensed, accredited,**  
4 **or certified by the state of Missouri to perform specified health services consistent with**  
5 **state law.**

6 **2. When any health carrier, or any of its subsidiaries, networks, contractors, or**  
7 **subcontractors, provides that any of its benefits are payable to a participating or preferred**  
8 **provider of health services, the health carrier shall also be required to pay identical**  
9 **benefits to any similarly licensed nonparticipating or nonpreferred provider who has**  
10 **rendered such services, and who is located within the geographic coverage area of a health**  
11 **benefit plan and who is willing to meet the terms and conditions for provider participation**  
12 **established for such health benefit plan, including the MO HealthNet and Medicare**  
13 **programs.**

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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.