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HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1857
94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Special Committee on Healthcare Transformation February 14, 2008 with recommendation that House Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1857 Do Pass. Referred to the Committee on Rules pursuant to Rule 25(21)(f).

D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

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

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 376.393, to read as follows:

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

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

(2) "Provider", the same meaning as such term is defined in section 376.1350, and in addition, licensed pharmacies and home health agencies.

2. No health carrier, or any of its subsidiaries, networks, contractors, or subcontractors, shall discriminate against any Missouri provider who is located within the geographic coverage area of a health benefit plan and who is willing to meet the terms and conditions for provider participation established for such health benefit plan, including the MO HealthNet and Medicare 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.