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AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to insurance coverage for durable medical equipment.

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 376.1235, to read as follows:

**376.1235. 1. Each health carrier or health benefit plan that offers or issues health
2 benefit plans which are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state
3 on or after January 1, 2010, shall offer coverage for all physician-prescribed medically
4 appropriate and necessary durable medical equipment.**

**5 2. For the purposes of this section, "durable medical equipment" shall have the
6 same meaning as such term is defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1395x(n) and "health carrier"
7 and "health benefit plan" shall have the same meaning as such terms are defined in section
8 376.1350.**

**9 3. The coverage required by this section shall not be subject to any greater
10 deductible or co-payment than other similar health care services provided by the health
11 benefit plan.**

**12 4. No health carrier or health benefit plan subject to the requirements of this
13 section shall reduce or eliminate any coverage or benefits offered or provided as a result
14 of the requirements of this section.**

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.

15 **5. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a supplemental insurance policy,**
16 **including a life care contract, accident-only policy, specified disease policy, hospital policy**
17 **providing a fixed daily benefit only, Medicare supplement policy, long-term care policy,**
18 **short-term major medical policies of six months' or less duration, or any other**
19 **supplemental policy as determined by the director of the department of insurance,**
20 **financial institutions and professional registration.**

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