

HOUSE BILL NO. 1304

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to health insurance coverage for Down Syndrome.

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 376.1221, to read as follows:

**376.1221. 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, 2011, shall continue to provide health benefit coverage for any child
4 or dependent of an enrollee with Down Syndrome after the age of eighteen.**

5 **2. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:**

6 **(1) "Down Syndrome", a chromosomal disorder caused by an error in cell division
7 that results in the presence of an extra whole or partial copy of chromosome 21;**

8 **(2) "Health benefit plan", the same meaning as defined in section 376.1350;**

9 **(3) "Health carrier", the same meaning as defined in section 376.1350.**

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

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

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 **supplemental policy as determined by the director of the department of insurance,**
18 **financial institutions and professional registration.**

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