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HOUSE BILL NO. 1620

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES MOLENDORP (Sponsor) AND SWINGER (Co-sponsor).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to insurance coverage for dental services.

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 376.1226, to read as follows:

376.1226. 1. No contract between a health carrier or health benefit plan and a dentist for the provision of dental services under a dental plan shall require that the dentist provide dental services to insureds in the dental plan at a fee established by the health carrier or health benefit plan if such dental services are not covered services under the dental plan.

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

(1) "Covered services", services reimbursable under an applicable dental plan, subject to such contractual limitations on benefits as may apply, including but not limited to deductibles, waiter periods, or frequency limitations;

(2) "Dental plan", any policy or contract of insurance which provides for coverage of dental services not in connection with a medical plan;

(3) "Health benefit plan", the same meaning as such term is defined in section 376.1350;

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

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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.