

House _____ Amendment NO. _____

Offered By

1 AMEND House Committee Substitute for Senate Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 88, Page
2 5, Section 197.100, Line 31, by inserting after all of said section and line the following:

3 "376.1227. 1. No contract between a health carrier or health benefit plan and an optometrist
4 for the provision of optometric services under a vision plan shall require that the optometrist provide
5 optometric services to insureds in the vision plan at a fee established by the health carrier or health
6 benefit plan if such optometric services are not covered services under the vision plan.

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

8 (1) "Covered services", services reimbursable at an agreed upon rate or amount by a health
9 carrier or health benefit plan under an applicable vision plan, subject to such contractual limitations
10 on benefits as may apply, including but not limited to deductibles, waiting periods, or frequency
11 limitations;

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

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

14 (4) "Optometric services", eye examinations, contact lens fittings, orthoptics, vision training
15 and any other treatment services within the scope of practice of the optometrist, excluding the sale of
16 optical goods;

17 (5) "Vision plan", any policy or contract of insurance which provides for coverage of vision
18 care services.

19 3. Prior to rendering an optometric service that is not a covered service, an optometrist shall
20 notify an insured in a vision plan that the optometric service is not a covered service."; and

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22 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references
23 accordingly.
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Action Taken _____ Date _____