

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1540

99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE MORRIS.

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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 claims filed by a pharmacy.

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 376.399, to read as follows:

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

(1) “Certifies a claim” or “claim certification”, a claim received by a health carrier or pharmacy benefits manager from a pharmacy in which the health carrier or pharmacy benefits manager responds with the following information, but not limited to such information, the drug is a covered benefit, the co-payment amount that should be collected from the patient, and the amount the pharmacy will be paid by the health carrier or pharmacy benefits manager for dispensing such drug;

(2) “Pharmacy benefits manager”, any entity that contracts with pharmacies to administer claims on behalf of health carriers.

2. Once a health carrier, as defined under 376.388, or a pharmacy benefits manager certifies a claim, such pharmacy shall receive the amount of payment shown due to the pharmacy on the claim certification. No payment reduction may be made by the health carrier or pharmacy benefits manager unless such information submitted by the pharmacy was substantially incorrect.

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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.