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HOUSE BILL NO. 875

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE UNSICKER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

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

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 376.1295, to read as follows:

376.1295. 1. For purposes of this section, the terms "health carrier" and "health benefit plan" shall have the same meanings given to the terms under section 376.1350.

2. Each health carrier or health benefit plan that offers or issues health benefit plans that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2022, shall provide coverage for the treatment of obesity and morbid obesity and the diseases and ailments caused by obesity and morbid obesity including, but not limited to, treatment by bariatric surgery. Any treatment required to be covered under this section shall be in accordance with standards set forth by the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery or the American College of Surgeons.

3. Health care services required by this section shall not be subject to any greater deductible or co-payment than any other health care service provided by the health benefit plan.

4. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a supplemental insurance policy, including a life care contract, accident-only policy, specified disease policy, hospital policy providing a fixed daily benefit only, Medicare supplement policy, long-term care policy, 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 commerce and**
18 **insurance.**

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