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HOUSE BILL NO. 932

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SMITH (46).

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to insurance coverage of anesthesia services, with an emergency clause.

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 376.1245, to read as follows:

376.1245. 1. As used in this section, the following terms mean:

2 (1) "Excepted benefit plan", the same meaning given to the term in section
3 **376.998;**

4 (2) "Health benefit plan", the same meaning given to the term in section
5 **376.1350.** The term "health benefit plan" shall also include MO HealthNet, the
6 children's health insurance program authorized under chapter 208, the Missouri
7 consolidated health care plan established under chapter 103, and any other state-
8 sponsored health insurance program;

9 (3) "Health carrier", the same meaning given to the term in section **376.1350.**
10 The term "health carrier" shall also include the MO HealthNet division and any
11 Medicaid managed care organization as defined in section **208.431.**

12 **2. Each health carrier or health benefit plan that offers or issues health benefit**
13 **plans that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or**
14 **after the effective date of this section and that provide coverage for anesthesia services**
15 **shall not deny coverage for anesthesia services, or impose any cap on the reimbursement**
16 **amount for anesthesia services, on the basis that the duration of a procedure for which**
17 **anesthesia services are performed exceeds a particular time limit.**

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.

18 **3. Excepted benefit plans shall be subject to the requirements of this section.**

 Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to protect the ability of health care
2 providers to deliver medically necessary health care services to Missourians, section A of this
3 act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace,
4 and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the
5 constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and
6 approval.

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