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HOUSE BILL NO. 920

95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PARSON.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to health insurance coverage for athletic trainer 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 376.1240, to read as follows:

376.1240. To the extent a health benefit plan, as defined in section 376.1350, provides coverage for a particular type of health service for any particular medical condition that is within the scope of practice of athletic trainers, a licensed athletic trainer who acts within the scope of practice authorized by law shall not be denied reimbursement by a health benefit plan for those covered services if the health benefit plan would reimburse another health care provider for such services. A health benefit plan may require that the athletic trainer services be provided by a licensed athletic trainer under contract with the health benefit plan. Services provided by athletic trainers may be subject to reasonable deductibles, co-payment, and co-insurance amounts, fee or benefit limits, practice parameters, and utilization review consistent with applicable rules adopted by the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration; provided that the amounts, limits, and review shall not function to direct treatment in a manner unfairly discriminative against athletic trainer care, and collectively shall be no more restrictive than those applicable under the same policy for care or services provided by other health care providers but allowing for the management of benefit consistent with variations in practice patterns and treatment modalities among different types of health care providers. Nothing in this section shall be construed as impeding or preventing either the provision

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 **or coverage of health care services by licensed athletic trainers within the lawful scope of**
19 **athletic trainer practice.**

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