

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 341

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES HOLT, CRUMP, COLEMAN, GEORGE,  
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### AN ACT

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

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*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 376.1223, to read as follows:

**376.1223. 1. Each policy issued by an entity offering individual and group health  
2 insurance which provides coverage on an expense-incurred basis, individual or group  
3 health service, or indemnity contracts issued by a nonprofit corporation, individual and  
4 group service contracts issued by a health maintenance organization, all self-insured group  
5 health arrangements to the extent not preempted by federal law, and all health care plans  
6 provided by managed health care delivery entities of any type or description that are  
7 delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this state after January 1, 2002,  
8 shall provide coverage for hearing aids.**

**9 2. The health care service required by this section shall not be subject to any  
10 greater deductible or co-payment than other similar health care services provided by the  
11 policy, contract or plan.**

**12 3. This section shall not apply to a supplemental insurance policy, including a life  
13 care contract, accident-only policy, specified disease policy, hospital policy providing a  
14 fixed daily benefit only, Medicare supplement policy, long-term care policy, short-term  
15 major medical policies of six months or less duration, or any other supplemental policy as  
16 determined by the director of the department of insurance.**