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AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to health insurance coverage for maple syrup urine disease.

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 376.1218, to read as follows:

376.1218. 1. Each health carrier that offers or issues health benefit plans which are delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2002, shall provide coverage for the treatment of maple syrup urine disease (MSUD).

- 2. For the purposes of this section, "health carrier" and "health benefit plan" shall have the same meaning as defined in section 376.1350.
 - 3. The health care services required by this section shall not be subject to any greater deductible or co-payment than other similar health care services provided by the policy, contract or plan.
 - 4. 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 supplemental policy as determined by the director of the department of insurance.