

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 30

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SCHAAF.

Pre-filed December 1, 2004 and copies ordered printed.

STEPHEN S. DAVIS, Chief Clerk

0164L.011

AN ACT

To repeal section 376.429, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to health insurance coverage for clinical trials.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 376.429, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 376.429, to read as follows:

376.429. 1. All health benefit plans, as defined in section 376.1350, that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued or renewed on or after August 28, [2002] **2005**, and providing coverage to any resident of this state shall provide coverage for routine patient care costs as defined in subsection 6 of this section incurred as the result of phase **I, II, III, or IV** of a clinical trial that is approved by an entity listed in subsection 4 of this section and is undertaken for the purposes of the prevention, early detection, or treatment of cancer.

2. In the case of treatment under a clinical trial, the treating facility and personnel must have the expertise and training to provide the treatment and treat a sufficient volume of patients. There must be equal to or superior, noninvestigational treatment alternatives and the available clinical or preclinical data must provide a reasonable expectation that the treatment will be superior to the noninvestigational alternatives.

3. Coverage required by this section shall include coverage for routine patient care costs incurred for drugs and devices that have been approved for sale by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), regardless of whether approved by the FDA for use in treating the patient's particular condition, including coverage for reasonable and medically necessary services needed to administer the drug or use the device under evaluation in the clinical trial.

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 4. Subsections 1 and 2 of this section requiring coverage for routine patient care costs
18 shall apply to clinical trials that are approved or funded by one of the following entities:

19 (1) One of the National Institutes of Health (NIH);

20 (2) An NIH cooperative group or center as defined in subsection 6 of this section;

21 (3) The FDA in the form of an investigational new drug application;

22 (4) The federal Departments of Veterans' Affairs or Defense;

23 (5) An institutional review board in this state that has an appropriate assurance approved
24 by the Department of Health and Human Services assuring compliance with and implementation
25 of regulations for the protection of human subjects (45 CFR 46); or

26 (6) A qualified research entity that meets the criteria for NIH Center support grant
27 eligibility.

28 5. An entity seeking coverage for treatment, prevention, or early detection in a clinical
29 trial approved by an institutional review board under subdivision (5) of subsection 4 of this
30 section shall maintain and post electronically a list of the clinical trials meeting the requirements
31 of subsections 2 and 3 of this section. This list shall include: the phase for which the clinical
32 trial is approved; the entity approving the trial; the particular disease; and the number of
33 participants in the trial. If the electronic posting is not practical, the entity seeking coverage shall
34 periodically provide payers and providers in the state with a written list of trials providing the
35 information required in this section.

36 6. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

37 (1) "Cooperative group", a formal network of facilities that collaborate on research
38 projects and have an established NIH-approved Peer Review Program operating within the
39 group, including the NCI Clinical Cooperative Group and the NCI Community Clinical
40 Oncology Program;

41 (2) "Multiple project assurance contract", a contract between an institution and the
42 federal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that defines the relationship of the
43 institution to the DHHS and sets out the responsibilities of the institution and the procedures that
44 will be used by the institution to protect human subjects;

45 (3) "Routine patient care costs" shall include coverage for reasonable and medically
46 necessary services needed to administer the drug or device under evaluation in the clinical trial.
47 Routine patient care costs include all items and services that are otherwise generally available
48 to a qualified individual that are provided in the clinical trial except:

49 (a) The investigational item or service itself;

50 (b) Items and services provided solely to satisfy data collection and analysis needs and
51 that are not used in the direct clinical management of the patient; and

52 (c) Items and services customarily provided by the research sponsors free of charge for

53 any enrollee in the trial.

54 7. For the purpose of this section, providers participating in clinical trials shall obtain
55 a patient's informed consent for participation on the clinical trial in a manner that is consistent
56 with current legal and ethical standards. Such documents shall be made available to the health
57 insurer upon request.

58 8. The provisions of this section shall not apply to a policy, plan or contract paid under
59 Title XVIII or Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

60 9. Nothing in this section shall apply to any accident-only policy, specified disease
61 policy, hospital indemnity policy, Medicare supplement policy, long-term care policy, short-term
62 major medical policy of six months or less duration, or other limited benefit health insurance
63 policies.