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99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FREDERICK.

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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 providers.

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 376.394, to read as follows:

376.394. 1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall mean:

2 **(1) “Health carrier”, the same meaning as such term is defined in section 376.1350;**

3 **(2) “Provider”, a physician or other health care practitioner licensed, accredited,**
4 **or certified by the state of Missouri to perform specified health services consistent with**
5 **state law.**

6 **2. When any health carrier, or any of its subsidiaries, networks, contractors, or**
7 **subcontractors, provides that any of its benefits are payable to a participating or preferred**
8 **provider of health services, the health carrier shall also be required to pay identical**
9 **benefits to any similarly licensed nonparticipating or nonpreferred provider who has**
10 **rendered such services, and who is located within the geographic coverage area of a health**
11 **benefit plan and who is willing to meet the terms and conditions for provider participation**
12 **established for such health benefit plan, including the MO HealthNet and Medicare**
13 **programs.**

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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.