

HOUSE BILL NO. 1609

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE COLEMAN (97).

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

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

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 376.1212, to read as follows:

376.1212. 1. This section shall apply to any health benefit plan, as defined in section 376.1350, that is delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed after December 31, 2020; that is written inside the state of Missouri or written outside the state of Missouri but covering Missouri residents; and in which a person may only enroll during an initial, open, or special enrollment period.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, such health benefit plan shall permit enrollment of a pregnant person at any time after the commencement of such person's pregnancy, if the person would be otherwise eligible to enroll in such a plan during an initial, open, or special enrollment period.

3. Such health benefit plan may require that the pregnancy be certified by a health care practitioner licensed in this state and acting within the scope of his or her practice.

4. Such health benefit plan shall cover preexisting conditions.

5. Coverage shall be effective as of the first day of the month such pregnancy is certified, or if no certification is required, as of the first day of the month self-attestation of pregnancy is made by the person.

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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.