

HOUSE BILL NO. 2107

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GREGORY (51).

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AN ACT

To repeal section 376.1575, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to insurance coverage for health care services.

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

Section A. Section 376.1575, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 376.408 and 376.1575, to read as follows:

376.408. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Athletic trainer", the same meaning as is ascribed to such term in section 334.702;

(2) "Health care provider", the same meaning as is ascribed to such term in section 376.1350;

(3) "Health care service", the same meaning as is ascribed to such term in section 376.1350;

(4) "Health carrier", the same meaning as is ascribed to such term in section 376.1350;

(5) "Practitioner", the same meaning as is ascribed to such term in section 376.1575.

2. No health carrier shall deny reimbursement of a claim for a health care service on the basis that the service was provided by an athletic trainer if the service was provided within the scope of the athletic trainer's licensed practice. Reimbursement of the claim may be subject to reasonable deductible, co-payment, and coinsurance amounts, reasonable fee or benefit limits, or utilization reviews consistent with applicable rules adopted by the department, provided that the amounts, limits, and

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.

18 **reviews shall not function in a manner that arbitrarily discriminates against services**
19 **provided by athletic trainers, including with regard to practice patterns, and collectively**
20 **shall be no more restrictive than those applicable to other health care providers or**
21 **practitioners under the same policy for comparable health care services.**

376.1575. As used in sections 376.1575 to [~~376.1580~~] **376.1578**, the following terms shall mean:

- 3 (1) "Completed application", a practitioner's application to a health carrier that seeks
4 the health carrier's authorization for the practitioner to provide patient care services as a
5 member of the health carrier's network and does not omit any information which is clearly
6 required by the application form and the accompanying instructions;
- 7 (2) "Credentialing", a health carrier's process of assessing and validating the
8 qualifications of a practitioner to provide patient care services and act as a member of the
9 health carrier's provider network;
- 10 (3) "Health carrier", the same meaning as such term is defined in section 376.1350;
- 11 (4) "Practitioner":
 - 12 (a) A physician, **athletic trainer**, or physician assistant eligible to provide treatment
13 services under chapter 334;
 - 14 (b) A pharmacist eligible to provide services under chapter 338;
 - 15 (c) A dentist eligible to provide services under chapter 332;
 - 16 (d) A chiropractor eligible to provide services under chapter 331;
 - 17 (e) An optometrist eligible to provide services under chapter 336;
 - 18 (f) A podiatrist eligible to provide services under chapter 330;
 - 19 (g) A psychologist or licensed clinical social worker eligible to provide services
20 under chapter 337; or
 - 21 (h) An advanced practice nurse eligible to provide services under chapter 335.

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