

HOUSE BILL NO. 2589

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE SHULL (16).

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 197, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to requiring health care providers who contract to practice at health care facilities to contract with all health benefit plans accepted by such facilities.

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

Section A. Chapter 197, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 197.800, to read as follows:

197.800. 1. Beginning January 1, 2021, as a condition of receiving credentials, including recredentialing, for providing care at a health care facility, the health care facility shall require that each health care provider participate in the same health carrier networks as the health care facility.

2. Except as provided for under section 376.690, if a health care provider does not participate in the same health carrier networks as the health care facility, the health care provider shall accept the health carrier's network allowable and shall not bill the patient for any difference between the health carrier's network allowable and the health care provider's billed charge.

3. The attorney general shall enforce the provisions of this section to ensure that health care facilities comply with subsection 1 of this section and to ensure consumers are protected via subsection 2 of this section.

4. As used in this section, the terms "health benefit plan", "health carrier", and "health care provider" shall have the same meaning ascribed to them under section 376.1350. The term "health care facility" shall have the same meaning ascribed to it under section 190.100 and shall also include hospital outpatient departments, critical access

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 **hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, laboratories, radiology clinics, and any other facility**
18 **that provides services that are covered under a health benefit plan. The term "network**
19 **allowable" means the contracted rate that the health carrier pays a health care provider**
20 **that participates in the network designated by the patient's health benefit plan.**

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