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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to health insurance coverage for licensed athletic trainer services.

*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 376.1240, to read as follows:

**376.1240. 1. To the extent a health carrier or health benefit plan, as defined in section 376.1350, provides coverage for a particular type of health service for any particular medical condition that is within the scope of practice of athletic trainers licensed under chapter 334, a licensed athletic trainer who acts within the scope of practice authorized by law shall not be denied reimbursement by a health carrier or health benefit plan for those covered services if the health carrier or health benefit plan would reimburse another health care provider for such services. A health carrier or health benefit plan may require that licensed athletic trainer services be provided under contract with the health carrier or health benefit plan.**

**2. Services provided by licensed athletic trainers may be subject to reasonable deductibles, copayment, and coinsurance amounts, fee or benefit limits, practice parameters, and utilization review consistent with applicable rules adopted by the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration; provided that the amounts, limits, and review shall not function to direct treatment in a manner unfairly discriminative against athletic trainer care, and collectively shall be no more restrictive than those applicable under the same policy for care or services provided by other health care providers but allowing the management of benefits consistent with variations in**

22 **practice patterns and treatment modalities among different types of**  
23 **health care providers.**

24 **3. Nothing in this section shall be construed as impeding or**  
25 **preventing either the provision or coverage of health care services by**  
26 **licensed athletic trainers within the lawful scope of athletic trainer**  
27 **practice.**

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