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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 663
97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Reported from the Committee on Small Business, Insurance and Industry, February 13, 2014, with recommendation that the Senate Committee Substitute do pass.

TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to healthcare, with an emergency clause.

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 376.1257, to read as follows:

376.1257. 1. Any health benefit plan that covers injected or intravenously administered chemotherapy and orally administered chemotherapy may not require a higher co-payment, deductible, or coinsurance amount for oral chemotherapy than it requires for injected or intravenous chemotherapy, regardless of the formulation or benefit category determination by the plan.

2. The health benefit plan shall not increase the co-payment, deductible, or coinsurance amount required for injected or intravenous chemotherapy that is covered under the plan in order to comply with subsection 1 of this section.

3. As used in this section the following words mean:

(1) "Chemotherapy", drugs and biologics that are used to kill, slow, or prevent the growth of cancerous cells; and

(2) "Health benefit plan", shall have the same meaning as defined in section 376.1350.

Section B. Because immediate action is necessary to protect the health of persons suffering from cancer, section A of this act is deemed necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare, peace and safety, and is hereby declared to be an emergency act within the meaning of the constitution, and section A of this act shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

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