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98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to insurance coverage for the treatment of fibromyalgia.

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
2 known as section 376.1228, to read as follows:

376.1228. 1. For purposes of this section the following terms shall mean:

2 **(1) “Health benefit plan”, shall have the same meaning as such term is defined in**
3 **section 376.1350; however, for purposes of this section “health benefit plan” does not**
4 **include a supplemental insurance policy, including a life care contract, accident-only**
5 **policy, specified disease policy, hospital policy providing a fixed daily benefit only,**
6 **Medicare supplement policy, long-term care policy, short-term major medical policy of six**
7 **months or less duration, or any other supplemental policy;**

8 **(2) “Massage therapist”, shall have the same meaning as such term is defined in**
9 **section 324.240;**

10 **(3) “Massage therapy”, shall have the same meaning as such term is defined in**
11 **section 324.240.**

12 **2. All health benefit plans that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or**
13 **renewed on or after January 1, 2017, if written inside the state of Missouri or written**
14 **outside the state of Missouri but covering Missouri residents shall provide coverage for**
15 **massage therapy provided by a massage therapist licensed in the state of Missouri and**
16 **recommended by a physician for the treatment of a patient diagnosed with fibromyalgia**
17 **who is covered under the policy, contract, or plan.**

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 **3. The coverage required by this section may be subject to other general exclusions**
19 **and limitations of the contract or benefit plan not in conflict with the provisions of this**
20 **section. The coverage required by this section may be subject to the same deductible for**
21 **similar health care services provided by the policy, contract, or plan as well as a reasonable**
22 **coinsurance or co-payment on the part of the insured.**

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