

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 1231

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE HELMS.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 376.435, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to group benefit health plans.

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

Section A. Section 376.435, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 376.435, to read as follows:

376.435. 1. Beginning January 1, 2008, a health carrier providing a group health benefit plan or plans, as such terms are defined in section 376.1350, to an employer who meets the requirements specified in subsection 2 of this section shall, upon request by the employer or the employer's producer of record, provide a report of the total dollar amount and total number of claims paid under the plan or plans for each of the prior three years or for each year coverage was in place if less than three years at the time of the request. In the case of an employer with multiple plans, the total dollar amounts shall be aggregated into one report. The report shall be provided within thirty days of the request; however, a health carrier shall not be required to provide such report for the employer or the employer's producer of record more than twice in any calendar year. The information provided to the employer or the employer's producer of record shall be furnished in a manner that does not individually identify any ~~[employee or other person covered by the health benefit plan]~~ **covered lives** and shall comply with all applicable federal and state privacy laws regarding the disclosure of health records.

2. For purposes of subsection 1 of this section, an "employer" is one who:

(1) Provides an employee health benefit plan with at least fifty-one ~~[covered]~~ **eligible** lives either at the time of the request or at the start of the reporting period; 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.

17 (2) Has been insured continuously with the health carrier or a carrier affiliated with the
18 health carrier for at least the preceding twenty-two months.

19 3. As used in this section, the term "covered lives" means employees, their spouses, and
20 dependents insured under the health benefit plan for which a report is requested.

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