

HOUSE BILL NO. 2712

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PORTER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 197, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to health care providers.

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 197.760, to read as follows:

197.760. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Health benefit plan", the same as in section 376.1350;

(2) "Health care provider", the same in section 376.1350;

(3) "Health carrier", the same as in section 376.1350;

(4) "Health carrier facility", the same as in section 190.100. As used in this section, "health care facility" shall also include hospital outpatient departments, critical access hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, laboratories, radiology clinics, and any other facility that provides services that are covered under a health benefit plan;

(5) "Network allowable", the contracted rate that the health carrier pays a health care provider that participates in the network designated by the patient's health benefit plan.

2. After January 1, 2021, as a condition of receiving credentials to provide care at the health care facility, including recredentialing, a health care facility shall require, a health care provider to participate in the same health carrier networks as the health care facility.

3. Except as provided in section 376.690, a health care provider who does not participate in the same health carrier networks as the health care facility shall accept the

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 **health carrier's network allowable as payment in full for services provided to the patient**
19 **and shall not bill the patient for any difference between the health carrier's network**
20 **allowable and the health care provider's billed charge.**

21 **4. The attorney general shall enforce the provisions of this section.**

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