

FIRST REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE BILL NO. 612

102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE UNSICKER.

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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## AN ACT

To repeal section 376.1753, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to certified midwife services.

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

Section A. Section 376.1753, RSMo, is repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 376.394 and 376.1753, to read as follows:

**376.394. 1. For purposes of this section, the terms "health carrier" and "health benefit plan" shall have the same meaning given to the terms in section 376.1350.**

**2. If any health carrier or any of its subsidiaries, networks, contractors, or subcontractors provides that any of its benefits are payable to a participating or preferred certified nurse midwife, as defined in section 335.016, for health care services, the health carrier shall also be required to pay identical benefits to any similarly certified midwife authorized to provide services under section 376.1753 who has rendered such services, is located within the geographic coverage area of a health benefit plan, and is willing to meet the terms and conditions for provider participation established for such health benefit plan.**

376.1753. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any person who holds current ministerial or tocolological certification by an organization accredited by the National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA) may provide services as defined in 42 U.S.C. 1396r-6(b)(4)(E)(ii)(I). **Any person authorized to provide services under this section shall be reimbursed by MO HealthNet at the same rate that a certified nurse midwife, as defined in section 335.016, would receive for providing services.**

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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.