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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to a qualifying life event for a special enrollment period.

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 376.1212, to read as follows:

376.1212. 1. This section shall apply to any health benefit plan, as defined in section 376.1350, which is delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed on or after January 1, 2019, which is written inside the state of Missouri or written outside the state of Missouri but covering Missouri residents, and in which a person may only enroll in such plan during an initial, open, or special enrollment period.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, such health benefit plan shall permit enrollment of a pregnant person at any time after the commencement of her pregnancy, if such person would be otherwise eligible to enroll in such plan during such initial, open, or special enrollment period.

3. Such health benefit plan may require that such pregnancy be certified by a health care practitioner licensed in this state and acting within the scope of his or her practice.

4. Coverage shall be effective as of the first day of the month such pregnancy was certified, or if no certification is required, as of the first day of the month self-attestation of pregnancy was made by the person.

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