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# SENATE BILL NO. 813

93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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## AN ACT

To amend chapter 354, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to physician contractual relationships.

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

Section A. Chapter 354, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new  
2 section, to be known as section 354.748, to read as follows:

354.748. 1. No health carrier as defined in section 376.1350,  
2 RSMo, including preferred provider organizations, health maintenance  
3 organizations, independent physician associations, or any other entity  
4 that contracts with physicians for health care, shall change or attempt  
5 to change any code submitted by the physician for health services  
6 without the express written permission of the physician involved and  
7 without the examination of the patient record to determine the services  
8 provided by the physician. In the event of a dispute, the health carrier  
9 shall provide and establish procedures for resolution of the dispute  
10 between the physician and health carrier.

11 2. Every contract between a health carrier or other organization  
12 and a physician shall specifically set forth the codes that represent the  
13 specific covered health services for which the physician shall be  
14 responsible and for which the health carrier or other organization shall  
15 provide compensation, remuneration, or reimbursement from, and the  
16 fee, compensation, remuneration or reimbursement for each such  
17 code. The code shall refer to the most recent American Medical  
18 Association code book and other recognized codes as adopted and used  
19 in the Medicare and Medicaid programs of the state and federal  
20 government.

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