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SENATE BILL NO. 592

103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CARTER.

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KRISTINA MARTIN, Secretary

AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to insurance payments for anesthesia.

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

Section A. Chapter 376, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto
2 one new section, to be known as section 376.2100, to read as
3 follows:

376.2100. 1. As used in this section, the following
2 terms mean:

3 (1) "Anesthesia practitioner", an anesthesiologist or
4 an anesthesiologist assistant, as such terms are defined in
5 section 334.400;

6 (2) "Anesthesia time", the period during which an
7 anesthesia practitioner is present with the patient,
8 beginning when the anesthesia practitioner begins to prepare
9 the patient for anesthesia in an operating room or
10 equivalent area, and ending when the anesthesia practitioner
11 is no longer delivering anesthesia services to the patient
12 and the patient may be placed safely under postoperative or
13 post-anesthesia care. In calculating anesthesia time, an
14 anesthesia practitioner may include blocks of time around
15 interruptions, provided that the anesthesia practitioner is
16 delivering continuous anesthesia care in the time periods
17 before and after each interruption;

18 (3) "Health carrier", the same meaning as is ascribed
19 to it in section 376.1350.

20 2. Reimbursement amounts from a health carrier for
21 anesthesia services shall be calculated under the prevailing
22 medical coding and billing standards in the professional
23 medical billing community. Reimbursement amounts for
24 anesthesia services shall be calculated based on a base,
25 plus time units, multiplied by an anesthesia conversion
26 factor as defined in the individual contract between the
27 health carrier and anesthesia practitioner or group of
28 anesthesia practitioners. Anesthesia time shall be
29 recognized with time units no more than fifteen minutes in
30 duration. The sum of the anesthesia time units shall equal
31 the anesthesia time.

32 3. No health carrier shall directly or indirectly
33 impose a maximum duration of anesthesia time for which
34 reimbursement will be made for anesthesia provided during a
35 health care service for which anesthesia is covered.

36 4. No health carrier shall directly or indirectly
37 restrict or exclude all anesthesia time from reimbursement
38 for a health care service for which anesthesia is covered.

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