

P.O. Box 690, Jefferson City, Mo. 65102-0690

## **INSURANCE BULLETIN 13-04**

Implementation of House Bill 315 Issued Aug. 29, 2013

**To:** All insurers authorized to conduct health insurance business in Missouri.

All insurers delivering policies covering Missouri residents.

All other interested parties.

**From:** John M. Huff, Director **Re:** Implementation of HB 315

The provisions of House Bill 315, as passed by the 97<sup>th</sup> Missouri General Assembly, were effective on Aug. 28, 2013. House Bill 315 enacted sections 376.1226 and 376.1237 related to health insurance, which include the following provisions:

376.1226. 1. No contract between a health carrier or health benefit plan and a dentist for the provision of dental services under a dental plan shall require that the dentist provide dental services to insureds in the dental plan at a fee established by the health carrier or health benefit plan if such dental services are not covered services under the dental plan ....

376.1237. 1. Each health carrier or health benefit plan that offers or issues health benefit plans which are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 2014, and that provides coverage for prescription eye drops shall provide coverage for the refilling of an eye drop prescription prior to the last day of the prescribed dosage period without regard to a coverage restriction for early refill of prescription renewals as long as the prescribing health care provider authorizes such early refill, and the health carrier or the health benefit plan is notified ...

This bulletin is for informational purposes only. Every health insurance carrier operating in this state, every health insurance carrier insuring Missouri residents, and all other interested parties are strongly encouraged to review this law in its entirety to determine compliance.