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96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE FREDERICK.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 376, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to the prompt credentialing act.

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 376.415, to read as follows:

376.415. 1. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Prompt Credentialing Act".

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

(1) "Completed application", an application that has been submitted on a uniform credentialing form that does not omit any required information;

(2) "Credentialing", the process of assessing and validating the qualifications of a health care professional to provide patient care services. The determination is based on an evaluation of the individual's current license, training or experience, current competence, and ability to perform the privileges requested;

(3) "Health benefit plan", the same meaning as such term is defined in section 376.1350;

(4) "Health carrier", the same meaning as such term is defined in section 376.1350.

3. Every health carrier that credentials health care professionals in a health benefit plan shall request credentialing information in a uniform format that includes data commonly requested by health carriers for the purpose of credentialing.

4. Upon receipt of a completed application, a health carrier or health benefit plan shall send an acknowledgment of the date of receipt of such completed application to the

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.

18 applicant within forty-eight hours if such notice is sent electronically or within five
19 business days if such notice is sent by mail. If electronic notification is available, the health
20 carrier or health benefit plan shall notify the applicant electronically.

21 **5. Every health carrier shall complete the process of verifying a health care**
22 **professional's credentialing information and make a final determination to credential the**
23 **health care professional within sixty calendar days of receipt of a completed application**
24 **by the health care professional which does not contain any material mistakes that would**
25 **impede the processing of such application. Such sixty-day period shall include any clerical,**
26 **administrative, or other activities performed by the health carrier to ensure the health care**
27 **professional is able to submit claims to the health carrier. Upon expiration of the sixty-day**
28 **period, the provisions of section 376.383 shall apply for all claims submitted by a health**
29 **care professional.**

30 **6. Immediately after a health care professional becomes credentialed, every health**
31 **carrier shall retroactively compensate health care professionals for services rendered from**
32 **the date of his or her application.**