

FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
**HOUSE BILL NO. 654**  
**100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

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**AN ACT**

To repeal section 376.1578, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to credentialing procedure.

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

Section A. Section 376.1578, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 376.1578, to read as follows:

376.1578. 1. Within two working days after receipt of a faxed or mailed completed application, the health carrier shall send a notice of receipt to the practitioner. A health carrier shall provide access to a provider web portal that allows the practitioner to receive notice of the status of an electronically submitted application.

2. A health carrier shall assess a health care practitioner's credentialing information and make a decision as to whether to approve or deny the practitioner's credentialing application within sixty business days of the date of receipt of the completed application. The sixty-day deadline established in this section shall not apply if the application or subsequent verification of information indicates that the practitioner has:

(1) A history of behavioral disorders or other impairments affecting the practitioner's ability to practice, including but not limited to substance abuse;

(2) Licensure disciplinary actions against the practitioner's license to practice imposed by any state or territory or foreign jurisdiction;

(3) Had the practitioner's hospital admitting or surgical privileges or other organizational credentials or authority to practice revoked, restricted, or suspended based on the practitioner's clinical performance; or

(4) A judgment or judicial award against the practitioner arising from a medical malpractice liability lawsuit.

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.

19           **3. Once a practitioner has been credentialed or re-credentialed with a health**  
20 **carrier, the health carrier shall provide retroactive payments for any covered services**  
21 **performed by the practitioner during the application period, which begins when the health**  
22 **carrier has received a completed application for credentialing.**

23           **4.** The department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration shall  
24 establish a mechanism for reporting alleged violations of this section to the department.

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