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By: **Senator Dorman**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health - Managed Care Organizations - Credentialing**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a managed care organization to deem a health care  
4 provider credentialed for a certain period of time under certain circumstances  
5 and upon certain verification; prohibiting a certain entity from refusing to  
6 provide certain information to a managed care organization; providing that this  
7 Act does not relieve a managed care organization of certain obligations; and  
8 generally relating to the credentialing of a health care provider by a managed  
9 care organization.

10 BY adding to

11 Article - Health - General

12 Section 15-103.4

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - Health - General**

18 15-103.4.

19 (A) A MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION MAY DEEM A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER  
20 CREDENTIALLED FOR A PERIOD OF NOT MORE THAN 6 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF  
21 RECEIPT OF A COMPLETED APPLICATION IF:

22 (1) THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER:

23 (I) HAS BEEN CREDENTIALLED BY ANOTHER ENTITY IN THE STATE  
24 THAT IS REQUIRED TO CREDENTIAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS; AND

25 (II) HAS SUBMITTED AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
26 MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION'S PROVIDER PANEL; AND

1           (2)       THE MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION VERIFIES THAT THE HEALTH  
2 CARE PROVIDER WAS CREDENTIALLED AND REMAINS IN GOOD STANDING WITH AT  
3 LEAST ONE ENTITY THAT CREDENTIALLED THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.

4       (B)       AN ENTITY THAT HAS CREDENTIALLED A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER MAY  
5 NOT REFUSE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO A MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION THAT  
6 SEEKS VERIFICATION OF THE CREDENTIALLED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.

7       (C)       NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO RELIEVE THE  
8 MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION FROM FULLY CREDENTIALING ITS HEALTH CARE  
9 PROVIDERS.

10       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 2002.