
By: **Delegate Morhaim**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Insurance - Physician Credentialing Process**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring certain health insurance carriers to complete the
4 process of credentialing a physician and issue an active provider number to the
5 physician within a certain period of time; requiring the carriers to reimburse the
6 physician provider for health care services provided during a certain period of
7 time; and generally relating to the physician credentialing process under health
8 insurance.

9 BY adding to
10 Article - Insurance
11 Section 15-112.2
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Insurance**

17 15-112.2.

18 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "CARRIER" MEANS:

- 19 (1) AN INSURER;
 - 20 (2) A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN;
 - 21 (3) A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION; OR
 - 22 (4) ANY OTHER PERSON THAT PROVIDES HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS
- 23 SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY THE STATE.

24 (B) WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER RECEIVING A COMPLETED APPLICATION FROM A
25 PHYSICIAN TO BECOME CREDENTIALLED, A CARRIER SHALL COMPLETE THE PROCESS

1 OF CREDENTIALING THE PHYSICIAN AND ISSUE AN ACTIVE PROVIDER NUMBER TO
2 THE PHYSICIAN.

3 (C) AFTER THE PROCESS OF CREDENTIALING THE PHYSICIAN IS COMPLETE,
4 THE CARRIER SHALL REIMBURSE THE PHYSICIAN PROVIDER RETROACTIVELY FOR
5 ANY HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED DURING THE TIME PERIOD DESCRIBED IN
6 SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2004.