

HB1093/223820/1

BY: Health Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1093
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Delegate Cullison**” and substitute “**Delegates Cullison, Alston, Bagnall, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kaufman, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, M. Morgan, Reilly, Rosenberg, Ross, Szeliga, Taveras, White Holland, and Woorman**”; in line 3, strike “though” and substitute “through”; strike beginning with “establishing” in line 5 down through “frame;” in line 6; strike beginning with “expanding” in line 12 down through “panel;” in line 13 and substitute “altering the credentialing applications that the Commissioner may designate for a certain credentialing system and the circumstances under which the designation may be made;”; in line 18, after “(t),” insert “and”; in the same line, strike “and (x)” and substitute “15-112.1”; and in line 23, strike “and 15-112.1”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 28, strike “**5**” and substitute “**15**”.

On page 5, strike beginning with the colon in line 4 down through “**2.**” in line 8; in line 12, strike “**30**” and substitute “**60**”; and in line 23, strike “**15**” and substitute “**30**”.

On pages 5 and 6, strike beginning with the colon in line 33 on page 5 down through “**2.**” in line 4 on page 6.

On page 6, strike beginning with “(i)” in line 6 down through “(ii)” in line 22; and in lines 22, 26, 28, and 30, strike “1.”, “2.”, “3.”, and “4.”, respectively, and substitute “**(I)**”, “**(II)**”, “**(III)**”, and “**(IV)**”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 12 and 13, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 30 on page 12 through line 4 on page 13, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 10, in lines 1 and 2, in each instance, strike the bracket; in line 2, strike “§ 15-112.3(D)”; in line 23, strike the third bracket; in the same line, strike “] §”; and in line 24, strike “15-112.3(D)”.

On page 14, in line 18, strike “developed by a nonprofit alliance of health plans and trade associations”; in line 21, strike “and”; and in line 24, after “system” insert “;

(III) THE SYSTEM ALLOWS PROVIDERS TO:

1. GRANT ACCESS TO A DESIGNATED PERSON MANAGING THE CREDENTIALING PROCESS FOR THE PROVIDER; AND

2. ACCESS THE SYSTEM DIRECTLY WITHOUT THE ASSISTANCE OF A THIRD PARTY; AND

(IV) THE VENDOR:

1. ESTABLISHES AND MAINTAINS A STAKEHOLDER WORKGROUP TO IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS OPERATIONAL ISSUES TO ENSURE EFFICIENCY OF THE ONLINE CREDENTIALING SYSTEM CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF:

A. HEALTH AND DENTAL CARRIERS;

B. MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS;

C. COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, INCLUDING
FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS;

D. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS;

E. PRIVATE PRACTICES OF PHYSICIANS, DENTISTS,
ADVANCE PRACTICE CLINICIANS, AND OTHER CLINICIANS; AND

F. CREDENTIALING INTERMEDIARIES;

2. SUBMITS A REPORT TO THE COMMISSIONER BY
SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR ON:

A. THE FINDINGS OF THE WORKGROUP ESTABLISHED
UNDER ITEM 1 OF THIS ITEM AND IMPROVEMENTS IMPLEMENTED AS A RESULT
OF THE WORKGROUP'S FINDINGS; AND

B. FOR EACH CARRIER, THE CALCULATION OF THE
AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS BETWEEN THE DATE THE CARRIER RECEIVES A
COMPLETED CREDENTIALING APPLICATION AND THE DATE THE CARRIER SENDS
WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE PROVIDER OF THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF THE
APPLICATION; AND

3. MEETS ALL OTHER REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED
BY THE COMMISSIONER.

(3) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2027,
THE COMMISSIONER SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN
ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, ON:

(Over)

(I) THE FINDINGS OF THE WORKGROUP ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2)(IV)1 OF THIS SUBSECTION;

(II) IMPROVEMENTS IMPLEMENTED AS A RESULT OF THE WORKGROUP'S FINDINGS;

(III) ANY LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS; AND

(IV) ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION.”.

On page 15, strike beginning with “developed” in line 5 down through “associations” in line 6; strike beginning with “the” in line 7 down through “(3)” in line 9; in line 10, strike the brackets; strike beginning with “(III)” in line 15 down through “PARTY” in line 18; in line 19, strike “(4)” and substitute “(2)”; in the same line, strike “nonprofit alliance:” and substitute “VENDOR”; in line 20, strike “(I)”; strike beginning with the semicolon in line 20 down through “PROVIDERS;” in line 29 and substitute a period.

On page 16, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 18, inclusive; in line 19, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike “(D)”.

On page 17, in line 9, strike “October 1, 2026” and substitute “January 1, 2027”.