

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2338

100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PATTERSON.

5118H.011

DANA RADEMAN MILLER, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

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

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Section A. Section 376.1578, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 376.1578, to read as follows: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

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.

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

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 commerce and insurance shall establish a mechanism for reporting
24 alleged violations of this section to the department.

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